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A militant stands with a captured Iraqi Army Humvee at a checkpoint outside Beiji refinery, 155 miles north of Baghdad, on Thursday.

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CRISIS MODE

Iraqi military facing 'psychological collapse' after losses, desertions

BY LOVEDAY MORRIS
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The Washington Post

BAGHDAD — The 300 U.S. advisers authorized to assist the Iraqi security forces will find an army in crisis mode, so lacking in equipment and shaken by desertions that it may not be able to win back significant chunks of territory from al-Qaida renegades for months or even years, analysts and officials say.

After tens of thousands of desertions, the Iraqi military is reeling from what one U.S. official described as "psychological collapse" in the face

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such a level that President Nouri al-Maliki is relying on volunteers, who are in some cases receiving as little as a week's military training, to protect his ever-shrinking orbit of control.

"Over time, what's occurred is

of the offensive from militants of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant.

The desperation has reached

that the Iraqi army has no ability to defend itself," said Rick Brennan, a RAND Corp. analyst and former adviser to U.S. forces in Iraq. "If we're unable to find ways to make a meaningful difference to the Iraqi army as they fight this, I think what we're looking at is the beginning of the disintegration of the state of Iraq."

The U.S. government has sped up the supply of reconnaissance equipment since the Iraqi military's rout in the key northern city of Mosul this month, but the Iraqi government has expressed frustration at the pace and scope of assistance.

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Why isn't the US trying to rescue kidnapped Nigerian girls?

BY NANCY MONTGOMERY
Stars and Stripes

In a trio of daring missions, Navy SEAL Team 6 freed an American ship captain held hostage by Somali pirates in 2009, killed Osama bin Laden in Pakistan in 2011, and rescued two hostages in Somalia — an American and a Dane — in 2012.

So why not send the SEALs or

other special forces commandos, who last week captured one of the planners of the 2012 attack on the U.S. Consulate in Benghazi, Libya, to rescue the nearly 300 Nigerian schoolgirls abducted on April 14 by the Islamist group Boko Haram?

The group, responsible for slaughtering thousands of civilians in northeastern Nigeria over the last few years, caused

worldwide outrage by kidnapping the girls. In response, the United States sent military and police advisers to Nigeria and some 80 Air Force personnel to operate Predator drones to search from neighboring Chad.

But a group of female senators in a private dinner with Secretary of State John Kerry pushed for more action against Boko Haram, including possi-

bly sending a team of Special Forces to locate and rescue the girls, according to The New York Times.

Rescuing more than 200 teenage schoolgirls — 57 have escaped — held by merciless terrorists who've threatened to "sell them in the marketplace" would seemingly be a coup for the U.S.

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OF THE DAY

"If the Russians say they don't know how to close borders, I don't think that's a particularly credible statement."

— Swedish Foreign Minister Carl Bildt, on Russia's "propaganda war" amid its failure to stop the flow of arms and missiles across its border into Ukraine

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MIDEAST

Afghan insider attack wounds 2

By JOSH SMITH
Stars and Stripes

KABUL — Two coalition servicemembers were wounded Monday when an Afghan policeman opened fire during a meeting at a provincial police headquarters, officials said. A spokesman for the NATO-led coalition said the incident is under investigation and refused to identify the shooter, but Afghan officials said he was a policeman. The attacker was killed during the exchange at the Paktia provincial police headquarters in Gardez. "This incident took place around 11:30 at the front gate of the compound," Azimullah, a spokesman for the Paktia provincial police chief, told Stars and Stripes.

"This policeman was on duty, and as these advisers arrived at the gate there was shooting and two advisers were wounded," said Azimullah, who like many Afghans uses only one name. "The policeman was killed."

"We have started the investigation, but so far we do not know the reason for the shooting or who fired first." A spike in such insider attacks in 2012 prompted the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force to enact stricter security measures to protect themselves from the Afghans they were working with.

In recent months, the number of insider attacks has dropped significantly as protective measures were continued and fewer international troops worked directly with Afghan

forces.

In February, two U.S. Special Forces soldiers were killed and four others were wounded when a suspected member of the Afghan security forces opened fire on them. In April, an Associated Press journalist was killed and another seriously wounded when a police commander opened fire on them inside a heavily guarded security forces base in eastern Afghanistan.

The issue of safety for international advisers will linger if Afghanistan agrees to a U.S. plan that would keep thousands of American troops in the country until the end of 2016.

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Afghan election chief resigns his post

By RAHIM FAIEZ
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KABUL — Afghanistan's chief electoral officer resigned Monday in a bid to resolve a political crisis over allegations of massive fraud in the runoff presidential vote earlier this month.

Zia ul-Haq Amarkhail told reporters Monday that he denies any involvement in fraud but he is stepping down "for the national interest."

One of the two candidates, Abdullah Abdullah, has said his campaign monitors had recorded ballot box stuffing and other irregularities. He suspended cooperation with the vote counting process and demanded Amarkhail be suspended. The crisis has threatened what Western officials had hoped would be a peaceful transfer of authority.

Amarkhail defended the conduct of the June 14 balloting and called on Abdullah to resume relations with the Independent Election Commission and honor an agreement he had signed to respect its decisions.

"I want to say that there has not been any pressure on me to resign," he said at a news conference. "The only reason for my resignation is the national interest of my country so now Dr. Abdullah should end his boycott and ... and should respect the code of conduct that he had signed with the commission on the first day."

Abdullah is running against Ashraf Ghani in the race to replace President Hamid Karzai, who is constitutionally barred from seeking a third term. The standoff has upended the process after the Afghans received praise for a relatively smooth first round of voting on April 5, when millions of voters defied a Taliban threat of violence and cast their ballots.



RAHMAT GUL/AP

Supporters of Afghan presidential candidate Abdullah Abdullah shout slogans during a protest in Kabul on Sunday over allegations of fraud in the presidential runoff.

Whoever wins will lead the country as it faces a major transition from the only leader it has known since the 2001 U.S.-led invasion that ousted the Taliban. He also will govern as the U.S. and its allies wind down their combat mission and international aid declines. Both candidates have promised to sign a security pact with the Obama administration that would allow nearly 10,000 American forces to remain in the country in a training capacity and to conduct counterterrorism operations. The delay in the announcement of a winner would mean another delay in finalizing that agreement.

Abdullah and Karzai have proposed that the U.N. step in to mediate between the parties, and the U.N. mission in Afghanistan has said it stands ready to assist.

Abdullah, a former foreign minister who was the runner-up in Karzai's disputed reelection in 2009, won the first round but failed to gain the majority needed to avoid a runoff. He raised his allegations before any results were released, saying he had to act pre-emptively because reports by some 50,000 campaign monitors deployed at the polls showed Ghani coming from behind with an unrealistic lead.

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US airmen train with African counterparts

Program is revived after budget woes

By JENNIFER H. SVAN
Stars and Stripes

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — A fledgling program bringing together U.S. airmen from Europe and the United States with their counterparts in western Africa has been revived after a lull related to budget constraints.

Last week, about 150 people from nine countries participated in the African Partnership Flight in Dakar, Senegal, a program funded by U.S. Air Forces in Europe-Air Forces Africa.

The inaugural event was held in Ghana in March 2012, but budget constraints brought on by sequestration stalled further such events until this past spring, said Maj. James Renfro, a USAFE-AFACRICA international affairs specialist who serves as the African Partnership Flight mission commander. In March, Angolan, U.S. and Zambian air forces met for a week in Luanda, Angola.

The training last week, held mostly inside tents on a dirt soccer pitch at a military base next to Dakar's international airport, involved Senegal, Togo, Ghana, Benin, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Burkina Faso and the U.S.

The U.S. contingent included loadmasters, maintainers, a pilot, planners, cultural advisers, public affairs specialists, USAFE-AFACRICA band members, and two Air Force French linguists to assist with translation. The contingent included active-duty, Air National Guard and reserve members.

"The concept now is we will do three of these per year," Renfro said. "A lot of these countries are requesting us to come in and provide some kind of assistance."

Though much of the instruction is led by the Air Force, the program's goal is to strengthen relationships among countries with air forces of varying capabilities operating on a continent more than three times the size of the U.S.

"It's to bring regional partners together to build regional cooperation and interoperability," Renfro said in a phone interview from Senegal. "We want to facilitate them discussing among themselves."

"Sometimes you find people that have known other people from neighboring countries for many years; then you find those who have never talked to anybody from a neighboring country."

The hope is that those open lines of communication and better familiarization will enable those countries to respond together to natural disasters or other crises, officials said.

Developed in 2012

AFACRICA developed the African Partnership Flight concept in 2012 as a way to support U.S. Africa Command and its security cooperation program, Renfro said.

While many countries in Africa have their own air force, "the real challenge is their capabilities vary on a national level," said Capt. Frank Hartnett, a USAFE-AFACRICA spokesman.

Chief Master Sgt. Bill Wunderlin, a loadmaster instructor from the California Air National Guard, was teaching loadmaster procedures with a colleague last week. The lessons were initially focused on C-130 aircraft — until they learned that only two of the participating nations, Nigeria



Above: Staff Sgt. Mo Gadiaga, U.S. Air Forces in Europe and Air Forces Africa cultural adviser, greets the team leads from each attending country during African Partnership Flight in Dakar, Senegal on June 16.



Left: Staff Sgt. Jessica Ancheta, protocol specialist, prepares the U.S. flag for the opening ceremony of the training exercise.

PHOTOS BY RYAN CRANE/Courtesy of the U.S. Air Force

do because we've been hauling equipment in 55 gallon fuel drums without any of this stuff underneath it," Wunderlin said.

Other workshops

Other workshops included mission planning, aeromedical evacuation, base defense and ground and flight safety.

Capt. Brandon Schrader, a C-130 pilot from the 934th Airlift Wing out of Minneapolis, Minn., took about 30 students on a familiarization flight last week, showing "them how we conduct a flight from start to finish."

The training goes both ways, he said. Schrader found out that, in Africa, country borders don't always match "what we have in our charts."

"Speaking to local pilots, we had to adjust our flight plan due to border disputes with some of the countries," he said.

Networking during the exercise could pay dividends down the road, Hartnett said.

"You never know which nation you see out there at the training site will be the nation we'll be asked to deliver supplies (to) or assist in some way," he said.

The hope, he said, is "that person you're sitting across the table from today could be the voice on the end of the line" when a mission needs to be accomplished sometime in the future.

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and Niger, have C-130s, Wunderlin said. "One country has one C-130 and the other has about 10, but what I was told was about half of their fleet's operating," he said.

Lesson plans were adjusted to reflect instruction that can be applied across airframes. Most of the participants came from air forces that fly helicopters and smaller transport planes, Wunderlin said.

The students also told instructors what they wanted to talk about, he said. One request: how to load an aircraft tug on a Senegalese helicopter.

One workshop, about building a cargo pallet, showed students how plywood shoring spreads out compression, preventing aircraft floorboard damage.

"They were like, 'That's what we need to

PACIFIC



PHOTOS BY MATTHEW M. BURKE/Stars and Stripes

Japanese line up to pay their respects to the war dead from the Battle of Okinawa, which began on April 1, 1945, during a ceremony Monday in Itoyan.

Okinawa pays tribute to both sides in fight

Thousands remember Japanese, Americans who died during pivotal 82-day WWII battle

By MATTHEW M. BURKE
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Stars and Stripes

CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — Kiyola Ohara left the shade of her mother's umbrella and slowly knelt on the crisp green grass before the sea of black granite. The 8-year-old from Nagasaki clasped her hands and prayed silently while her mother, Naomi, sat close by. When she was finished, she gingerly adjusted the American flag in front of the panel bearing Sgt. Elbert Luther Kinsner's name.

Kiyola was one of a small group of people in Itoyan on Monday to pay respects to the 12,500 American servicemembers who lost their lives in the Battle of Okinawa, which began April 1, 1945 and lasted for 82 days. The heavy U.S. casualties in the battle, the deadliest of the Pacific War, strongly influenced President Harry S. Truman's decision to use atomic weapons against the Japanese mainland six weeks later.

Every June 23, thousands of residents — along with visitors and dignitaries — converge on Okinawa Peace Memorial Park to commemorate the Japanese dead from the battle in a ceremony called Irei no Hi. Approximately 110,000 Japanese troops and 140,000 Okinawan civilians died during the battle, although, the total number of civilian deaths may never truly be known.

It has been years since any American survivors have attended, veterans groups said, so it is up to today's veterans, servicemembers and Okinawans like Kiyola to keep the tradition going. For the past two years, Kiyola and her mother have paid their respects for Kinsner, after meeting relatives of the American Marine by chance in 2012 while on a trip to Florida.

Kinsner was posthumously awarded the

Medal of Honor for jumping on a grenade during the battle to save his men. A Marine base on Okinawa bears his name.

Naomi Ohara's grandfather also perished in the battle. Her father, then 7 years old, barely escaped with his life.

"I was always curious about [the American] part [of the memorial]," Naomi Ohara said. "There are never any flowers here. I always wanted to meet someone from this side."

Kiyola was lost for words when asked what she was feeling while she prayed for Kinsner, but Naomi Ohara said that they felt sadness and grief. They were happy to add a visit to Kinsner's panel to their yearly mourning routine at the park.

"Okinawa has a heart for both sides," Naomi Ohara said. "Life is a treasure. ... This is mandatory for all of my kids."

About 4,600 people attended Monday's ceremony, which was marked by blazing heat and stifling humidity. Among the visiting dignitaries were Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, U.S. Ambassador to Japan Caroline Kennedy and Lt. Gen. John Wissler, commander of the III Marine Expeditionary Force.

Prior to the ceremony, Kennedy and Wissler laid a wreath in the American section of the Cornerstone of Peace memorial, which features thousands of inscribed names. For Wissler, the day took on added meaning. His father, Pfc. Edward Wissler, fought there, including at the bloody Sugar Loaf Hill.

"They're all heroes and we're eternally grateful for their contributions to peace," Wissler said.

He acknowledged the pain the war caused Okinawans and the Japanese war dead before turning his attention to the close strategic partnership between the two allied



Above: Kiyola Ohara, 8, prays for Medal of Honor recipient Sgt. Elbert Luther Kinsner on Monday at Irei no Hi, the annual ceremony to commemorate the dead from the Battle of Okinawa. Left: Lt. Gen. John Wissler, commander of the III Marine Expeditionary Force, and U.S. Ambassador to Japan Caroline Kennedy pay their respects Monday to the approximately 12,500 American servicemembers killed during the battle, which lasted for 82 days.

countries today.

"We're no longer divided," he said. Kennedy kept her remarks short. She spoke softly and read Stephen Spender's poem "The Truly Great."

"Today, we remember the sacrifices of those brave Americans who gave their lives here 69 years ago so that we, their children and grandchildren, could live in a free and peaceful world," she said. "And nearby, we also honor the memory of the 240,000 people who lost their lives in this terrible battle which devastated this beautiful island and its communities."

"The strength of the U.S.-Japan alliance today is a tribute to all of them," Kennedy said. "Built on the devastation of war by countless acts of courage, reconciliation, perseverance and friendship, our two countries work together to ensure peace and prosperity around the world. Visiting this place, on this day, we renew our commitment to that cause."

The ceremony that followed was somber. Abe spoke of the importance of peace and pledged to reduce the military burden placed on Okinawa, which is home to roughly 30,000 U.S. troops.

Okinawa Gov. Hirokazu Nakaima took it a step further and urged the suspension of operations at Marine Corps Air Station

Futenma within five years.

"A drastic reduction is necessary in the burden caused by the presence of military bases," he said.

The importance of the ceremony and honoring the sacrifices made 69 years ago wasn't lost on the handful of American servicemembers and members of VFW Post 9723 in attendance, many of whom were Vietnam veterans. Out of 16 million Americans who served in World War II, approximately 1 million are alive today, according to The National WWII Museum. They are dying at a rate of 555 per day. It is estimated by 2036, there won't be any left alive.

"There are just none of them left," said post commander Dennis Provencher, who has been participating for 40 years. "It's been a long time since a survivor attended the ceremony."

Today's veterans looked at the rows of names and vowed to stand vigil after the Vietnam generation passed the torch.

"Without those brothers of mine who fought in this campaign, I wouldn't be here," said Jackie Fountain, an Army veteran of the Gulf War and the Balkans. "I am that next generation that feels compelled to continue on."

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Interceptor defeats ballistic missile during defense exercise

Stars and Stripes

A ground-based interceptor launched into space from California defeated an intermediate-range missile during a test of the Ballistic Missile Defense System, Pentagon officials announced.

Servicemembers at the U.S. Army's Reagan Test Site on Kwajalein Atoll, in the

Marshall Islands, launched the ballistic missile Sunday, according to a Pentagon statement. The Aegis-equipped destroyer USS Hopper detected and tracked the missile, then relayed the data to ground-based command.

About six minutes after the missile launch, the ground-based interceptor was launched from Vandenberg Air Force Base,

Calif. A three-stage booster rocket system propelled the interceptor into space, where it honed in on the target's trajectory. The interceptor defeated the missile using only the force of the collision, according to the statement.

Soldiers from the 100th Missile Defense Brigade, located at Schriever Air Force Base, Colo., remotely launched the

interceptor.

Program officials will spend months evaluating Sunday's performance, according to the statement.

The test was the 65th successful intercept since 2001 out of 81 attempts for the Ballistic Missile Defense System, Pentagon officials said.

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MILITARY

VA opens burn pit registry

Stars and Stripes

The Veterans Affairs Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry is now available to help servicemembers and veterans report exposures to airborne hazards such as burn pits, oil well fires and other forms of pollution—and document their health problems.

Advocacy groups for servicemembers who believe they have developed illnesses from working and living near burn pit disposal sites in Iraq and Afghanistan noticed Thursday they could log in and register on the VA's public health website, according to a report in the Military Times.

Eligible veterans and servicemembers include those who served in:

- Operation Enduring Freedom/Operation Iraqi Freedom/Operation New Dawn.

- Djibouti, on or after Sept. 11, 2001.

- Operations Desert Shield or Desert Storm.

- Southwest Asia theater of operations on or after Aug. 2, 1990.

"This is a great stepping stone in a long journey, the initial acknowledgment that people are sick and that illnesses related to burn pits do exist," Rosie Lopez-Torres, co-founder of Burn Pits 360, told the Times. Her husband, retired Army Capt. LeRoy Torres, developed a rare lung disorder after serving in Iraq.

President Barack Obama in January 2013 signed law a bill requiring VA to establish the registry for those exposed to potentially toxic fumes. The VA initially balked, saying the effort was redundant since it already tracked servicemembers through an injury and illness surveillance system.

VA officials acknowledge that troops may suffer from illnesses related to environmental exposures and have established a surveillance program for servicemembers exposed to hexavalent chromium, a known carcinogen, at their treatment facility near Basra in 2003. They also there is not enough scientific evidence to



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U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. Richard Carmichael disposes of trash at the burn pit at Forward Operating Base Zeebrudje, Helmand province, Afghanistan.

prove that exposure to burn pits causes long-term health problems, according to the Times.

Burn Pits 360 has been contacted by more than 3,000 troops or family members who report symptoms and illnesses they believe are related to environmental exposures in Iraq, Afghanistan and Djibouti, the Times said.

Bergdahl leaves hospital, put on outpatient status

By CHRIS CARROLL

Stars and Stripes

The Army announced over the weekend that former captive Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl had progressed enough in his reintegration into American life to move out of the Texas military hospital where he was being treated.

"Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl's medical status has changed from inpatient care at Brooke Army Medical Center to continued reintegration and medical care as an outpatient at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston," Army officials said in a statement Sunday.

Bergdahl, held by the Taliban-allied Haqqani network for nearly five years, will gradually encounter more people as he continues in outpatient treatment.

Officials did not specify whether he was yet in contact with Army troops other than medical providers.

Officials said Bergdahl was living on post, but wouldn't divulge his living arrangements in order to "safeguard the reintegration process."

Bergdahl is being readied to resume serving in the Army.

"Debriefings and counseling from Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape (SERE) psychologists continue to ensure he progresses to the point where he can return to duty," according to

the Army statement.

With a two-star general conducting a new investigation into how he disappeared in June 2009, it is possible Bergdahl could face disciplinary action when he returns to duty.

The Army announced last week it had appointed Maj. Gen. Kenneth R. Dahl, who commanded combat troops in Afghanistan, to lead the inquiry.

Dahl will draw on the findings of an earlier investigation in 2009, but he won't interview Bergdahl until the reintegration team says the sergeant is ready, the Army said.

Bergdahl arrived in Texas on June 13 after nearly two weeks of initial recovery at a military hospital in Landstuhl, Germany. U.S. special operations forces picked him up in a controversial prisoner swap from Taliban custody on May 31 in eastern Afghanistan.

Controversy has centered on the findings of the earlier investigation that Bergdahl intentionally walked off his outpost in Pakтика province.

Since his release, troops who served with him said a number of fellow soldiers were killed or wounded in searches and other operations that stemmed from his disappearance.

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Japan fails to end its ban on US defense

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TOKYO — Japan's coalition government did not agree by the end of the nation's legislative session on a resolution that would have allowed its forces to defend the United States in combat, government officials said Friday.

The impasse represents a setback — at least temporarily — to Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's push to reinstate the nation's pacifist constitution and allow Japan to engage in collective self-defense with its closest allies.

Ending the ban on collective self-defense would allow Japan to engage in several activities it can not undertake under the current interpretation of the constitution, according to advocates among Abe's ruling Liberal Democratic Party. For example, Japan's Self-Defense Forces cannot legally rescue the country's citizens when they are held hostage in a foreign country, defend a U.S. ship under attack on the high seas when Japan is not directly attacked or participate in international mine-sweeping operations, LDP officials say.

During the past month's talks, leaders within New Komeito, the junior partner in Abe's majority coalition, have voiced opposition to several of the scenarios brought up by the LDP as either unnecessary or feasible under current law.

Opinions vary within the party, which made it impossible for an agreement to be reached during the parliamentary session that ended Sunday, said New Komeito leader Natsuo Yamaguchi, according to party spokesman Masaki Nishimura.

New Komeito's voter base comes substantially from the Soka Gakkai Buddhist organization, whose membership opposes ending the collective self-defense ban. However, New Komeito leaders

have also stated that they will not leave the governing coalition over the issue, indicating an eventual compromise.

Party officials have told Japanese media outlets privately that they hope to delay any agreement on collective self-defense until after national elections scheduled for next spring.

"The New Komeito party fully understands the significance of collective self-defense," said Kazuya Sakamoto, a professor at Osaka University who specializes in international politics and U.S.-Japan relations. "However, as the party that advocates for pacifism, they want to be as prudent as possible on the use of force."

"Although an agreement was not made within the current Diet session, I believe it will happen in the not-so-distant future," Sakamoto said.

U.S. officials have qualified their language to avoid the appearance of meddling in domestic affairs, but they have long supported Japanese participation in international operations.

President Barack Obama said during an April visit to Japan that he supported the government's consideration to allow collective self-defense.

Japanese officials have confirmed that they'd talked with U.S. officials in Washington about how ending the ban might affect the U.S.-Japan security alliance.

However, Abe still faces opposition from those concerned that easing Japan's pacifist restraints would lead it down a slippery slope and into a war in which the nation is not directly threatened.

Meanwhile, Abe's method of reinterpreting the constitution, rather than amending it, continues to draw criticism from some academics, as well as the fragmented opposition within the Diet. Amending the constitution, which was written largely by the United States after World War II, would

require two-thirds approval by both Diet houses and majority approval by referendum.

Instead, Abe has asked his cabinet to sign off on reinterpretation through a resolution, which would be followed by changes to several laws through majority Diet votes.

On May 15, a government panel of legal experts filed a report that laid the groundwork for a reinterpretation, relying on close examination of the constitution's wording, supreme court decisions from the 1950s and other precedents.

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Email scammers now posing as USFK commander

By TRAVIS J. TRITTEN
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — The commander of U.S. Forces Korea appears to be one of the newest military victims caught up in what investigators call the romance scam.

Online scammers have sent out emails to women impersonating Lt. Gen. Curtis "Mike" Scaparrotti and pointed potential targets to a false Facebook profile page, which features the general's name misspelled and some profile photos gleaned from the Web.

Army Chief of Staff Gen. Ray Odierno, retired Gen. Stanley McChrystal and some servicemembers killed in combat have also had their identities stolen and used in similar ruses in the past.

The email, obtained by Stars and Stripes, touts Scaparrotti's "key leadership positions" in the military, including the current USFK command position and a post at U.S. Central Command, and claims that, "Once you let me into your life, you'll find me very interesting, fun, and a good man to have as a friend and a companion."

Recipients are assured to "feel free with me" and then asked about their jobs, where they live, and whether they own a home. "Catching them is nearly impossible, so we figured education is the best course of action," Grey

hundreds of reports each month of online con artists hijacking servicemember identities and using them to defraud unsuspecting people — usually women — who are hoping to find love and romance on the Internet.

"The majority [of the romance scammers] are operating out of cyber cafes and homes in West African countries. ... There are hundreds of them doing this," said Chris Grey, spokesman for CID in Quantico, Va.

Often they route their email accounts through other locations around the world, making them virtually untraceable, and work out of Internet cafes that allow anonymous patrons to pay for a connection by the hour, according to CID.

Impersonating a military officer is a crime but stealing the identity of enlisted servicemembers — some who died in Afghanistan and Iraq — is a common tactic of African scammers that is not illegal.

The fact that the romance scams usually involve perpetrators and victims who are not in the military or not even U.S. citizens has also complicated the cases for the Army. As cases have multiplied, the FBI and the Federal Trade Commission have gotten involved in cracking down on the Internet fraudsters.

"The nature of my job is so demanding and requires lots of my time."



Internet scammers have long used military members' identities to attract victims. Here, in this screenshot from Facebook, they have taken the identity of the U.S. Forces Korea commander, Lt. Gen. Curtis "Mike" Scaparrotti, whose surname they misspelled.

said. The CID has a special Web page dedicated to the warning signs of the romance scam.

Perpetrators typically approach potential victims with emails that make spelling and grammar errors, profess love too quickly, or ask victims to send money, sometimes through the mail to Africa, according to the agency.

In the Scaparrotti email, the writer asks for revealing financial information and tells the recipient together they can "reach greater heights in life than we even expect to." Then the scammer warns that the correspondence should be kept secret.

"Please be informed that for security reasons due to the nature of my job, you have to keep our constant communication very confidential to you," it says. "We will be exchanging emails regularly and chat a little when I have some time or little break from work. The nature of my job is so demanding and requires lots of my time."

Grey said many are taken in by the email come-ons and the stories of victims are often heartbreaking. Some are defrauded out of thousands of dollars — in one case, a woman lost \$78,000 — before realizing it was a sham, Grey said. Others refuse to admit they have been scammed at all and still want to meet up with the Internet personas whom they loved.

In the last two to three years, "I have personally talked to thousands of women," he said.

The Scaparrotti email was sent to a female law student in Brazil, who contacted Stars and Stripes.

The woman said the scammers approached her on Facebook and then sent an unsolicited email.

"I have some experience of life and know nothing extraordinary comes for free," she wrote in an email translated from Portuguese. "After analyzing the facts I wondered, how can a senior official of the U.S. military be interested in a woman whose life he knows nothing about."

Victims also include the servicemembers whose identities are

stolen. One way to avoid the scam is to keep a close eye on personal and professional information online, according to CID.

"We put out warnings all the time for people to protect their identities," Grey said.

If romance scammers do steal a servicemember's identity, CID can go to social media and online dating sites and ask that fake profiles be taken down. Some websites have even created screening procedures for members claiming to have served. But the scammers are relentless. Even after profiles are pulled down, the reality is "within 15 minutes, 15 more will pop up" because it is so profitable, Grey said.

On Monday, the Scaparrotti Facebook page was still up and USFK was not immediately available for comment. But Grey said CID agents who had taken up the case would contact the command and work to have the fake profile taken down.

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Memo on drone killing released by US court

NEW YORK — A federal appeals court on Monday released a previously secret memo that provided legal justification for using drones to kill Americans suspected of terrorism overseas.

The memo concluded that the killing of an al-Qaida leader who had been born in the United States had legal justification. It said the authority to use lethal force abroad may apply in appropriate circumstances to a U.S. citizen who is part of the forces of an enemy organization. It said the killing was justified as long as it was carried out in accord with applicable laws of war.

The 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Manhattan released the memo, portions of which are blacked out, after the American Civil Liberties Union and The New York Times filed a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit.

The memo pertained specifically to the September 2011 drone-strike killing in Yemen of Anwar Al-Awlaki, an al-Qaida leader who had been born in the United States.

From The Associated Press

Privacy advocates wary of Army blimps over Md.

By MATTHEW HAY BROWN
The Baltimore Sun

BALTIMORE — The Army is planning to launch two blimps over Maryland this fall to watch the Eastern Seaboard for incoming cruise missiles.

It's what else they might be able to see from up there that worries privacy advocates.

The Army says the aerostats — blimps tethered to the ground in Harford and Baltimore counties — will carry technology capable of detecting, tracking and targeting cruise missiles and rockets up to 340 miles away. That means they can cover an area from North Carolina to the Canadian border.

The helium-filled aircraft, which have been deployed in Afghanistan and Iraq, are on their way to Aberdeen Proving Ground. Officials plan a three-year exercise to test the system's effectiveness in the National Capital Region.

"People have been using balloons for military purposes since the Civil War," said Maj. Beth

Smith, a spokeswoman for U.S. Northern Command and NORAD. "There's a couple that are flying right now. We use them all the time, and they work great."

But the American Civil Liberties Union of Maryland, which has pushed the state General Assembly for legislation to limit the deployment of drones in the state, is raising concern about the surveillance technology to be mounted on the aerostats, and whether it might be trained on private citizens.

The Electronic Privacy Information Center has used the Army for details of the equipment and its capabilities.

"It's designed to be a system that can surveil a large area," said Ginger McCall, an attorney for the Washington-based center. "That would have profound implications for the way that people would choose to live their lives."

The Joint Land Attack Cruise Missile Elevated Netted Sensor System, or JLENS, comes at a time of rising concern over government eavesdropping. The past year has brought a succession of

revelations about the collection of telephone and email data by the National Security Agency.

The Army says the aerostats to be tested over Aberdeen Proving Ground will be outfitted only with radar, not cameras. Smith says the system will be "looking outward," for external threats.

"There's no intent to spy on any Americans with this," she said. "It's an exercise."

Privacy advocates note a demonstration last year by defense contractor Raytheon, which hosted in a news release that it had successfully equipped a JLENS aerostat with electro-optical infrared sensors, "enabling operators to watch (a) live feed of trucks, trains and cars from dozens of miles away."

As part of the demonstration, Raytheon reported, operators were able to observe actors placing a mock roadside bomb in the Utah desert.

It's that kind of technology that concerns David Rocha, an attorney with the ACLU of Maryland.

"We don't really care about radar being aimed into the At-

lantic Ocean to detect cruise missiles," Rocha said. "There's no privacy implications in cruise missiles. But they have said that this same technology can also detect vehicles on the ground, and that they're not ruling out mounting other surveillance technology on this platform. And that does raise huge concerns."

McCall warns of a "mission creep."

"Often times a new technology that's very invasive will at first be proposed as a military technology," she said.

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IRAQ

Kerry: New parliament critical to Iraq's future

By LARA JAKES
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The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — The fate of Iraq may be decided over the next week, the top U.S. diplomat said Monday, and largely depends on whether its leaders keep their commitment to meet looming deadlines to seat a new government before a Sunni insurgency sweeps away hopes for lasting peace.

It was a dire message to leaders of Iraq's bitterly divided Shiite, Sunni and Kurdish political coalitions who have lived through more than three decades of dictatorship, sanctions and wars. And it sought to hold the officials to a government transition that the U.S. believes will stave off the threat of a new civil war by giving more power to Iraq's minorities.

"This is a critical moment for Iraq's future," Secretary of State John Kerry said at a press conference in Baghdad. "It is a moment of decision for Iraq's leaders and it's a moment of great urgency."

Kerry offered few details of his closed-door meetings in Baghdad. He said each of the officials he met with — including Shiite Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki — committed to seat a new parliament by July 1 as the constitution requires.

"The very future of Iraq depends on choices that will be made in the next days and weeks, and the future of Iraq depends primarily on the ability of Iraq's leaders to come together and take a stand united against ISIL," Kerry said, referring to the insurgency known as the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant. "Not next week, not next month, but now."

He also said no country — including the U.S. — should try to pick new leadership for Iraq. "That is up to the people of Iraq,"



PHOTOS BY BRENDAN SMIALOWSKI/AP

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, left, shakes hands with Iraq's parliament speaker, Osama al-Nujaifi, in Baghdad on Monday.

Kerry said.

Al-Maliki is facing growing calls for his resignation as disgruntled Sunnis say they do not believe he will give them a greater voice in the government.

After suffering together through more than eight years of war — which killed nearly 4,500 American troops and more than 100,000 Iraqis — Washington and Baghdad are trying to shelve mutual wariness to curb the very real prospect of the Mideast nation falling into a fresh bout of sectarian strife.

Sunnis frustrated with being cut out of power are increasingly joining the ISIL, a bloody insurgency that has been emboldened by battlefield successes in neighboring Syria's civil war.

Parliament Speaker Osama al-Nujaifi, one of Iraq's top-ranking Sunnis, told Kerry that the insurgents pose "a threat to the entire world." Al-Nujaifi is from Mosul, Iraq's second-largest city, which was overrun earlier this month by militants.

Of the insurgents, al-Nujaifi said "we have to confront it through direct military operations, political reforms so that we can inject a new hope into our own people so that they can support the political process and the unity of Iraq."

Iraq officials briefed on Kerry's talks with the Iraqi prime minister said al-Maliki urged the United States to target the militants' positions in Iraq and neighboring Syria, citing training camps and



Secretary of State John Kerry greets U.S. Marines as he arrives at the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad on Monday

convoys, with airstrikes. The officials said Kerry responded by saying a great deal of care and caution must be taken before at-

tacks are launched to avoid civilian casualties that could create the impression that Americans are attacking Sunnis.

Crisis: Lack of training, skills, equipment adds to Iraqi military's woes

FROM FRONT PAGE

The government's dire situation was evident Sunday at the Baghdad Operations Command, the nerve center of the capital's security operations run jointly by the Interior and Defense ministries. Standing in front of an illuminated map, spokesman Brig. Gen. Saad Maan gestured toward the broad swaths of land outside the city's boundaries that are now considered hostile territory.

We treat all these areas surrounding us as hot zones," he said. Though Maan said that security forces were taking the offensive in some areas, insurgent advances in the western province of Anbar over the past few days have raised concerns that the armed forces may crumble further.

Even before tens of thousands of troops disappeared into the night two weeks ago, Iraqi generals had complained that they

were outgunned by an enemy hardened by years of fighting in Syria and in possession of more advanced weaponry.

In recent weeks, the ISIL has seized hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of military equipment from the Iraqi army, much of which has been smuggled back across the border to Syria, according to Iraqi officials.

Lt. Gen. Rasheed Fleih, head of the Anbar Operations Command, in the critical western province bordering Syria, put on a stoic front Sunday, saying in a televised statement that "security forces are reviving" and that volunteers are being deployed to the area.

But the addition of tens of thousands of volunteers to the security forces has been chaotic.

Many are joining under the banners of militias, though Maan argued that they will not be able to function as such. When they sign up, they will be given a "week or

less" of training and be deployed where they are needed, he said.

"The basic problem with the Iraqi military is that it's a sectarian force," said James Jeffrey, a former U.S. ambassador to Iraq. "That's combined with the fact that you have synoptic generals, you have low morale and a Shiite volunteer force. They didn't do very much training. They don't have the equipment or skills of the [ISIL] guys."

The crisis in the armed forces is a result of corruption, poor leadership and intelligence, and severe inattention to training, said a former U.S. adviser to the Iraqi armed forces who spoke on the condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the situation. Those problems have turned what was a functioning military when U.S. troops withdrew in 2011 into an "empty shell that is resorting to a call to arms of men and boys off the street," he said.

He added that the scale of the reverses this month was "catastrophic."

Members of the security forces who were serving in Mosul when the Iraqi army's 2nd Division disintegrated this month complained that the leadership vanished in the face of the ISIL offensive. The speed of the collapse has led to accusations from some soldiers that their leaders were in some way complicit. Al-Maliki is send-

ing 59 officers to court for fleeing their posts.

"It's the fault of the people higher up. They should have done something," said an Iraqi police officer who fled Mosul for the Kurdish territories when the ISIL swept in.

With Iraq's armed forces in a shambles, only with substantial outside assistance will Baghdad be able to turn the tide of the war, analysts and officials say.

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Obama urges family-friendly work policies

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama encouraged more employers to adopt family-friendly policies by hosting a daylong summit Monday, even though the U.S. government doesn't always set the best example.

The United States is the only industrialized nation that doesn't mandate paid leave for mothers of newborns, although Obama says he'd like to see that change.

"Only three countries in the world report that they don't offer paid maternity leave — three — and the United States is one of

them," Obama said in his weekly address. "It's time to change that. A few states have acted on their own to give workers paid family leave, but this should be available to everyone because all Americans should be able to afford to care for a family member in need."

Obama's initiative comes in a midterm election year focused in many respects on female voters, and the White House was devoting all its star power to the event. Obama was to speak at midday and have a meeting with business leaders. Vice President Joe Biden and his wife, Jill, planned to

open the event, first lady Michelle Obama was to deliver a closing speech and several other administration officials participated on panels.

California, Rhode Island and New Jersey have a system of paid leave, but it's unclear how Obama would fund a national system. Obama has not endorsed legislation that would create one funded by a payroll tax, and he pledged in his 2008 presidential campaign not to raise taxes on families making under \$250,000 a year.

Obama adviser Valerie Jarrett said in a conference call with re-

porters Sunday that the president is trying to start a national conversation to explore the issue.

"Cost is an issue for all federal program, and we need to make sure we do this in a way where we are not raising taxes on middle-class families," she said. "But we also know what a good investment in our workforce it would be if they had paid leave, and that investment will pay great returns."

While some companies offer paid family leave to attract workers, the 1993 Family Medical Leave Act requires only that employers provide unpaid leave for

medical and family reasons.

When Obama came to the White House, he instituted six weeks of paid leave for his workers when they have a child, get sick or injured or need to care for an ailing family member, using his authority to set his staff's compensation under the personnel code.

Obama said in an interview broadcast Monday on CNN's "New Day" that he took a month off when his older daughter, Malia, was born. He called it "one of the most precious memories that I'll ever have."



STEPHAN SAVOIA/AP

Somali refugee Hasna Abdi, 26, holds her child, Muridi Hassan, 1, as he falls asleep after drinking a bottle in the main room of their apartment in Springfield, Mass.

City mayor: Somali refugees strain services

By PAIGE SUTHERLAND

The Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — A Massachusetts mayor is calling for an end to refugee resettlement in his city, saying Somali families are putting pressure on already strained services in Springfield, a onetime industrial center where nearly a third of the population lives below the poverty line.

Mayor Domenic Sarno is the latest U.S. mayor to decry refugee resettlement, joining counterparts in New Hampshire and Maine in largely rare tensions with the State Department, which helps resettle refugees in communities across America.

The mayor is drawing criticism from those who say this country has a moral obligation to help the outcast and refugees who say they're being scapegoated for problems the city faced long before their arrival.

"Why not talk about the problems in the city? Mohammed Abdi, 72, said through an interpreter. "Why not talk about the

houses that are unstable and in bad conditions? Why only talk about the Somalis and Somali Bantus?"

Sarno, leader of the state's third-largest city, first demanded last summer that the U.S. government stop sending refugees.

After recent inspections found Somali families living in overcrowded, pest-infested apartments without electricity and sometimes heat, he stepped up complaints, saying resettlement agencies are bringing in "warm-weather" refugees and dumping them into cold climates, only to leave them dependent on the city. "I have enough urban issues to deal with. Enough is enough," Sarno said in an interview. "You can't keep concentrating poverty on top of poverty."

Hard examples and evidence for the mayor's stance are scant. The problems in the Somali housing have largely been attributed to neglectful landlords.

The government does not track the number of refugees who rely on social services. The Spring-

field refugee population of about 1,500 — around 380 of them Somali — represents about 1 percent of the city's total of 153,000.

A 2014 report by the U.S. government found that Massachusetts ranked third in the nation for refugee employment, with 73 percent of refugees enrolled in state programs finding work.

Madino Idor, 35, a Somali with seven children, spent 12 years in a refugee camp before coming to the U.S. in 2004. She works two jobs — one at Goodwill at Springfield and another as a dishwasher at the Barnes Air National Guard Base.

"I can work hard and provide for my family," Idor said. "I do not need for the mayor to worry about me."

She and others wonder why the mayor is targeting an already vulnerable population, an idea reiterated Friday in an editorial in the Boston Globe newspaper.

"While Sarno raises valid points about needing adequate resources to accommodate newcomers, his stance is far too rigid and ignores both the moral imperative to help refugees and the benefits those refugees can bring," the editorial read.

About 67,000 Somalis have come to the United States in the past decade seeking refuge from civil war. Most have settled in Minnesota, California, Georgia and Washington.



Domenic Sarno
mayor, Springfield, Mass.

Jindal predicts rebellion against Obama policies

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal on Saturday night accused President Barack Obama and other Democrats of waging wars against religious liberty and education and said that a rebellion is brewing in the U.S. with people ready for "a hostile takeover" of the nation's capital.

Jindal spoke at the annual conference hosted by the Faith and Freedom Coalition, a group led by longtime Christian activist Ralph Reed. Organizers said more than 1,000 evangelical leaders attended the three-day gathering.

Republican officials across the political spectrum concede that evangelical voters continue to play a critical role in GOP politics.

"I can sense right now a rebellion brewing amongst these United States," Jindal said, "where people are ready for a hostile takeover of Washington, D.C., to preserve the American Dream for our children and grandchildren."

The governor said there was a "silent war" on religious liberty being fought in the U.S. — a country that he said was built on that liberty.

"I am tired of the left," he said. "They say they're for tolerance, they say they respect diversity. The reality is this: They respect everybody unless you happen to disagree with them."

"The left is trying to silence us, and I'm tired of it. I won't take it anymore."

Last week, Jindal signed an executive order to block the use of tests tied to Common Core education standards in his state, a position favored by tea party supporters and conservatives. He said he would continue to fight against the administration's attempts to implement Common Core.

"The federal government has no role, no right and no place dictating standards in our local schools across these 50 states of the United States of America," Jindal said.

Jindal used humor in criticizing the Obama administration on several fronts, referencing the Bergdahl prisoner exchange and the deadly attack on the U.S. mission in Benghazi, Libya.

"Are we witnessing right now the most radically, extremely liberal, ideological president of our entire lifetime right here in the United States of America, or are we witnessing the most incompetent president of the United States of America in the history of our lifetimes? You know, it is a difficult question," he said.

"I've thought long and hard about it. Here's the only answer I've come up with, and I'm going to quote Secretary Clinton: 'What difference does it make?'"

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Syria hands over last of known chemical arms

The Associated Press

NICOSIA, Cyprus — The last of Syria's acknowledged stockpile of chemical weapons has been handed over to Western governments for destruction, the organization charged with overseeing the elimination of such weapons said Monday.

The final 8 percent of the 1,300-ton stockpile, which included mustard gas and raw materials for making sarin nerve gas, have been loaded onto Danish and Norwegian ships in the Syrian port of Latakia, said Ahmet Uzumcu, the director general of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons.

Speaking at a press conference in The Hague, Uzumcu acknowledged that it is possible Syria has avoided declaring some part of its arsenal. "I can't say that Syria doesn't have any chemical weapons anymore," he said. However, he added that it is true for any country that his organization cooperates with, and Syria's declared arsenal

was close to estimates made by external security analysts and experts.

Syria's government agreed to surrender its arsenal last fall when the U.S. threatened punitive missile strikes after a deadly chemical attack on a rebel-held suburb of Damascus.

Following an investigation last month, an OPCW fact-finding mission found evidence chlorine gas may have been used as a weapon in fighting between rebels and Assad's regime. An attack on the mission prevented it from inspecting the alleged attack site and reaching conclusions about which side might have used it.

Chlorine is not considered a chemical weapon, though using any toxic material as a weapon is illegal under international law.

The chemical weapons shipped out Monday are being transported to a second ship, the U.S.-owned MV Cape Ray, which is equipped with facilities to render toxic material inert.



PETROS KARADJIAS/AP

Containers carrying Syria's dangerous chemical weapons are marked with stickers identifying them as poison on the Danish cargo ship Ark Futura that was transporting the weapons out of the country in Cyprus coastal waters on May 13.

EU ministers demand Russia act to halt flow of weapons into Ukraine

By JUERGEN BAETZ

The Associated Press

BRUSSELS — Several European foreign ministers on Monday threatened to impose further sanctions against Russia if it fails to cooperate with Ukraine's proposed peace plan and doesn't stop the flow of arms and militants across its border into eastern Ukraine.

Russia is "conducting a propaganda war with full speed ahead and no signs of them closing the border," said Swedish Foreign Minister Carl Bildt.

Armed militants and even tanks continue to cross the border into eastern Ukraine, he asserted.

"If the Russians say they don't know how to close borders, I don't think that's a particularly credible statement," Bildt said.

In a joint statement, the Euro-

pean Union ministers urged Russia to withdraw its troops massed near the Ukrainian border and revoke the parliamentary authorization for the use of force on its neighbor's soil.

The EU also decided to ban imports of most products from the Crimean Peninsula, which Russia annexed in April. Separately, the ministers also gave the green light for an EU mission to help reform Ukraine's police and judiciary.

The EU and the United States have so far mainly ordered visa bans and asset freezes for a number of officials but have refrained from imposing broader economic sanctions.

British Foreign Secretary William Hague said the EU will be able to agree on further sanctions against Russia at a summit of the bloc's 28 leaders Friday, if necessary. "Those measures are ready to take," he said.

"We look to Russia to take actual action to stop the flow of arms over the border into eastern Ukraine, to encourage illegal armed groups to stop what they are doing there now," Hague said.

The meeting in Luxembourg was attended by Ukraine's new foreign minister, Pavlo Klimkin, who briefed his colleagues on the peace plan proposed by President Petro Poroshenko. It includes a cease-fire in its battle against pro-Russia separatists in eastern Ukraine.

The plan also calls for an inclusive political dialogue, suggests a decentralization of power to give regions more political authority and foresees measures to protect the language rights of Russian speakers in eastern Ukraine.

Ukraine's government is accusing the pro-Russia rebels of violating the cease-fire by firing on Ukrainian troops.

Polish president: US still important ally

By VANESSA GERA

The Associated Press

WARSAW, Poland — The United States remains "a very important ally" to Poland and that will not change despite the leak of disparaging remarks by the country's top diplomat, the president said Monday.

President Bronislaw Komorowski spoke a day after the magazine Wprost released a transcript in which Foreign Minister Radek Sikorski said Poland's alliance with the U.S. is worthless and even harmful for the eastern European country because it created a false sense of security.

"The United States is our very important ally and partner," Komorowski told reporters in Warsaw.

Transcripts of bugged restaur-

ant conversations between top officials are rocking Prime Minister Donald Tusk's center-right government and critics have urged that it resign.

Earlier Monday, Tusk said he will not dismiss officials whose compromising conversations were caught on tape in what he called a "criminal" action by "ill-intentioned people."

Sikorski asserted Monday that organized crime was behind the secret recordings.

"The government was attacked by an organized crime group," Sikorski said in Luxembourg. "We don't yet know who stands behind it."

He offered no proof for his statement.

The magazine says the recordings came from a "businessman" who did not do the taping and

were made in the private VIP rooms of Warsaw restaurants.

In the transcript released by Wprost, Sikorski used vulgar terms while telling the former finance minister, Jacek Rostowski, the Polish-U.S. alliance is not helping Poland.

"The Polish-American alliance isn't worth anything. It is even harmful because it gives Poland a false sense of security," Sikorski said. "(We are) suckers, total suckers."

Earlier, Wprost released a conversation between Central Bank head Marek Belka and Interior Minister Bartlomiej Sienkiewicz where they discussed how the bank could help the governing party win re-election in 2015, a seeming violation of the bank's independence.

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AP

This photo taken from video by Nigeria's Boko Haram terrorist network on May 12 allegedly shows the missing girls who were abducted from a school April 14 in the northeastern town of Chibok, Nigeria. The video purports to show dozens of abducted schoolgirls covered in jilbab and praying in Arabic.

Rescue: Expert says it would be an 'extremely difficult' operation

FROM FRONT PAGE

The group abducted another 20 women earlier this month from the same area, the BBC reported.

Washington has been reluctant to organize a rescue for political, practical, logistical and organizational reasons. It also has to figure out how to deal with the explosive growth of much more dangerous extremist groups that have conquered vast swaths of territory in eastern Syria and western Iraq and are establishing a joint fundamentalist state in the heart of the Middle East.

"There'd be the humanitarian benefit" to attempting such a rescue in Nigeria, as well as a display of U.S. power, prowess and resilience," said Seth Jones, associate director of the International Security and Defense Policy Center at the RAND Corp.

"And you'd also have the benefit of dealing a major blow to a Salafi terrorist organization with ties to al-Qaida," said Jones, who formerly served in advisory roles for Special Operations commands in Afghanistan and at the Defense Department.

Still, Jones said, he'd be against it. "There are a lot of ways operations like this can go badly," he said. "If I were being asked, unless it was a pretty easy op, I'd probably waive off."

His stance is shared by Boko Haram experts and a number of U.S. military and civilian officials.

Presidents and their national security teams weigh a range of political and operational issues when deciding whether to use covert special operations, which are inherently complex and always hazardous and risky.

According to Michele Malvesti, a Yale University senior fellow, those issues include confidence in the intelligence, questions of sov-



MARY F. CALVERT/Zuma Press/MCT

Protesters gather at a May 6 rally in front of the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Nigeria in Washington over the abduction of Nigerian girls.

ereignty, sensitivity to casualties among forces and foreign civilians, chances of success, strategic benefits and the pressure to take action. Malvesti, who formerly served on the National Security Council staff, identified the factors in a paper she wrote for the Combating Terrorism Center at West Point.

Special operation "operational hazards" — collateral damage, American casualties or mission failure — can have long-standing effects on the nation, Malvesti wrote.

"The Iranian hostage rescue attempt is instructive in this regard," she wrote. The aborted mission in 1980 not only cost the lives of eight servicemembers but it "also injured U.S. standing on the world stage, highlighted foreign perceptions of American military impotence and raised questions regarding (President) Jimmy Carter's ability to lead the

tion," said Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel.

But a successful rescue operation is probably beyond the ability of any force, experts said.

"The truth is, all other hostage rescues in Nigeria in the past three years ... all the hostages were killed on the spot," said Jacob Zenn, an analyst of African and Eurasian affairs for The Jamestown Foundation.

Among those was the attempted rescue by British and Nigerian commandos last year of a British construction worker and Italian colleague. Held for some two years, they were shot to death during the raid.

The girls have probably been split up into six or more groups, guarded by an unknown number of Boko Haram fighters, perhaps one for every 10 girls, experts said, necessitating simultaneous raids involving significant numbers of special operations.

Furthermore, it's unclear how commandos could kill all the Boko Haram guards before the guards killed the girls, or how to prevent the girls from becoming collateral damage.

"This would be an extremely difficult operation," Jones said.

A failed operation, with dead schoolgirls, would be a political, military and humanitarian disaster.

But even a successful operation might be strategically unsound, Jones said.

For one thing, it would set a

precedent for rescuing non-U.S. citizens.

For another, Boko Haram has not targeted U.S. interests. "But if you put special operations forces against Boko Haram, you've suddenly changed the calculus," he said. "You are potentially making yourself a direct target of Boko Haram."

The Islamist group, which seeks to overthrow the Nigerian government, is among a number of African extremist groups and criminals that finance operations partially through kidnappings and collecting ransoms. It received \$3 million last year to release a French family abducted in neighboring Cameroon, according to reports.

The group, whose name translates to "Western education is forbidden," had been tutored in kidnapping for ransom and political leverage by al-Qaida in the Islamic Magreb, Zenn said. They even use the same negotiators.

Joseph Kony, leader of the Lord's Resistance Army, which operates in Uganda, Central African Republic, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and South Sudan, kidnapped 30 girls in 1997, Zenn said. "It took until 2009 until the last was accounted for."

Kony is wanted by the International Criminal Court to stand trial for numerous atrocities. About 250 U.S. special operations personnel have been deployed to the region to help hunt down him and the estimated 200 remaining LRA fighters.

Zenn and Jones both said the best way to get the girls released was through negotiations with Boko Haram, and either by paying ransoms — the girls' price has no doubt been amplified by worldwide attention — or a prisoner swap.

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'There are a lot of ways operations like this can go badly. If I were being asked, unless it was a pretty easy op, I'd probably waive off.'

Seth Jones

International Security and Defense Policy Center, RAND Corp.

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Man, 82, accused of flying kite while naked

OH TALLMADGE — Police in northeastern Ohio said an 82-year-old man was cited for flying a kite while he was naked.

Officers said they received calls last week about a bald man without any clothes who was flying a kite at the Summit County Fairgrounds.

Police said the man initially denied being naked, but he had to search through a pair of pants on the passenger seat when he was asked for identification.

The Akron Beacon Journal reported the Cuyahoga Falls man was cited for disorderly conduct Wednesday and was told not to return to fairgrounds.

Police said the man went back to the fairgrounds fully clothed the next day. He told officers he was looking for kite-flying spots for his friends.

He was given another citation for criminal trespassing.

Police shoot and kill bear inside home

AK JUNEAU — Alaska authorities said they shot and killed a black bear that lumbered through the front door of a home in the state's capital while people were inside.

Juneau police said in a statement Saturday that the residents were on the first floor, the same level where officers spotted the bear in the two-story home in the city's downtown.

Police said the bear appeared briefly in a doorway, and an officer fired a shotgun twice at the animal. It ran behind the home and later was found dead.

Investigators determined the animal came in through the front door. The doorknob didn't work, so the door could be pushed open easily.

Earlier, a bear tried to break into a kitchen in Sitka, south of Juneau, after the homeowner baked a pizza.

Police: Frankster stole man's vehicle knobs

PA LEPPER — State police are trying to find the prankster who left a man unable to drive home from a rural Pennsylvania tavern — by stealing all of the control knobs from the inside of the man's unlocked car.

Officers from Marienville said a 39-year-old man was drinking at the Knotty Pines restaurant in Farmington Township, about 70 miles northeast of Pittsburgh, on Saturday night.

When the man went to drive home early Sunday morning he discovered that someone entered his car — which was unlocked while parked outside the tavern — and removed all the knobs and other control levers inside the car.

Troopers at the Marienville barracks are investigating.

After year apart, pair to mark 71st anniversary

ME PRESQUE ISLE — A couple in Maine will celebrate their 71st wedding an-

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The number of people charged with DUI involving the same car on the same night. South Burlington, Vt., police said they pulled over Shane Bessette, 43, about 11:30 Friday night, and he immediately ran. He was caught and charged with driving under the influence, resisting arrest and driving with a suspended license. When the officer gave chase, Michelle Simpson, 32, got into the driver's seat and fled. She later was charged with driving under the influence and disorderly conduct.



BRITNEY LOHMILLER, SAVANNAH (GA.) MORNING NEWS/AP

Run and rinse

Participants in the fourth annual JCB Mud Run wash off after crossing the finish line on Saturday in Pooler, Ga. Profits from the run went to support The Lady Bamford Center, which helps provide education to homeless and low-income children.

niversity this week, one year after they marked a big, but bittersweet, milestone.

Delbert McCrum, 91, and Wilda Chase, 92, had their first date 75 years ago at a picnic on Mars Hill Mountain. They became sweethearts and were married June 24, 1943.

Staff at the Aroostook Health Center in Presque Isle said that 18 months ago, Wilda needed to leave their apartment to get the care she needed. It was the first time the couple had lived apart and made for a difficult 70th anniversary.

Last week, Delbert moved into AHC and rejoined his wife in time for this year's celebration.

Wilda said being together is their anniversary gift to each other.

Device explodes at park, injuring 1

OR PORTLAND — Authorities said a minor explosive device detonated inside a portable restroom at a softball game in an Oregon park, injuring one person.

Washington County Sheriff's spokesman Vance Stimler said bomb squad experts believe the device could have done more damage when it exploded Saturday afternoon at the park outside Beaverton, a city 7 miles west of

Portland.

A woman suffered non-life-threatening injuries.

Stimler said the device was constructed from chemicals available at most grocery stores that would detonate when the chemicals combined. Stimler declined to identify the chemicals involved.

A nearby school also was searched and cleared later Saturday.

2 plead not guilty in fake kidnapping case

WA PORT ANGELES — Two people accused in a fake kidnapping that alarmed people at a Sequim, Wash., park pleaded not guilty Thursday to disorderly conduct charges.

Jason Holden and a relative, Shellie Baskins, were arraigned in Clallam County District Court in Port Angeles. A third person, Jesse Holden, was scheduled to be arraigned, but the hearing was postponed to allow him time to find another lawyer.

The three could face nearly a year in jail or a \$5,000 fine if convicted.

The Holdens wore ski masks and grabbed Baskins' 4-year-old son April 13 at Carrie Blake Park and drove off in a van. They later said they were making a video to promote child-abduction

awareness.

Parents and other witnesses were outraged.

4 accused of stealing town's inflatable ride

NJ CLEMENTON BOROUGH — A small southern New Jersey town almost saw its plans for summer fun deflated. Four people have been arrested on suspicion of stealing an inflatable moon bounce ride and a dunk tank in Clementon Borough.

Authorities in the Camden County borough said thieves took the moon bounce and the dunk tank about June 2.

The Clementon Youth Athletic Association had rented the items to celebrate "Clementon Day."

An update on the Clementon Police Department's website says four men were arrested between Friday and Sunday.

The moon bounce and the dunk tank have been recovered.

Police identify man killed at junkyard

MA WORCESTER — Worcester police said a man who was crushed to death by a minivan at a junkyard last week appears to have been trespassing while trying to steal auto parts after hours.

Authorities said Paul Sizemore, 42, of Barre, went into the junkyard at Sam's Pull-A-Part sometime after it closed Thursday and jacked up the minivan in a presumed effort to steal parts.

A worker at the junkyard said the jack apparently gave way and the vehicle crushed Sizemore, whose body was found Friday morning after the business opened.

7,500 gallons of oil spills into river

CO FORT COLLINS — A storage tank damaged by floodwaters dumped 7,500 gallons of crude oil into the Poudre River near Windsor in northern Colorado, slickening vegetation a quarter-mile downstream, but apparently not affecting any drinking water, state officials said Friday.

The tank where the storage tank sat next to the river was undercut by the high spring river flows, causing it to drop and break a valve, Todd Hartman, of the Colorado Department of Natural Resources, said in a statement.

The tank released all of its contents, which was 178 barrels of crude oil, or roughly 7,500 gallons, Hartman said. A second tank nearby appeared to be unaffected.

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OPINION

Aren't some fetuses worth protecting?

By CHRISTINE M. FLOWERS
Philadelphia Daily News

The other day, I was standing at the bus stop when I saw something that annoyed me. That's not unusual.

Lots of things annoy me about public transportation, from healthy teenagers who refuse to give up their seats to the elderly to people who try to pay their fares with crumpled \$5 bills, expecting change (a giveaway that this is someone whose Lexus is at the mechanic).

But there is the sort of annoyance that just makes you shake your head and move on, and then there is the sort of annoyance that makes you want to wrestle the offender to the ground and risk a conviction for simple assault. On this particular day, I contemplated what an orange jumpsuit might do to my complexion.

There was a woman, so pregnant that she should have paid for two fares, who had a beer in one hand and a lit cigarette in the other. I thought about taking a photo to shame her on Facebook, but the skull-and-flowers tattoo on her bare left calf made me hesitate: This pregnant woman scared me. My three weeks of self-defense classes in 1983 were no match for her.

Why am I telling you this, other than to coax some cheap chuckles? Just bear with me.

This month, the Chester County, Pa., District Attorney's Office announced it was filing some charges under a rarely used, somewhat controversial law that criminalizes acts that result in the death of a fetus.

Before the pro-choice purists start hyperventilating and reaching for their vaginas in mass panic, I can assure them that Roe v. Wade has not (yet) been overturned.

The prosecutor is using a law that holds third parties who commit a crime against a pregnant woman, thereby causing her to miscarry, liable for the death of her unborn child.

Because this comes uncomfortably close to recognizing the humanity of the fetus, legislators that have passed such "fetal-protection laws" have made sure to include exceptions for the most common form of killing a fetus: elective abortion. In other words, a doctor who decides to terminate her pregnancy will generally not be held criminally liable for that termination because Roe v. Wade is still the law of the land.

Nonetheless, pro-choice groups have been vocal in their opposition to these laws and prosecutors because of that ubiquitous slippery slope, the one that we don't recognize in legalizing same-sex marriage or marijuana, but that will send you squealing like a greased pig into the pit of misogyny and gender discrimination if you give dignity to an unborn child killed by someone other than her mother.

While some fetal-homicide laws do recognize the fetus as a "person," most seem to focus on protecting the rights of a pregnant woman who actually wants to keep her child. Pennsylvania's statute includes a variety of crimes against unborn children, including first- and second-degree murder. "Unborn child" is defined as an individual organism of the species *Homo sapiens* from fertilization until live birth.

Pennsylvania's law tracks fairly closely the federal Unborn Victims of Violence Act signed into law under George W. Bush in 2004, and which is informally known as "Laci and Colleen's Law" after Laci Peterson, the pregnant woman murdered by her husband, Scott Peterson.

Opponents of these laws feel that it's

enough to charge someone with a crime against the woman and ignore the more troublesome — unborn child. They fear people — like me, in fact — who think that pregnant women who make reckless decisions while custodians of a human life they've helped to create should be held criminally liable for damage to that child.

In the current climate, that's unlikely to happen. While there have been prosecutions for the most egregious acts — smoking crack, shooting heroin or trying to commit suicide while pregnant — most of these laws are aimed at seeking justice for those who have long been denied it by a society that shrinks back from the harshest of truths: A pregnancy involves more than one human being.

This frightens abortion-rights supporters, because they have spent several generations promoting the opposite idea, namely, that a pregnant woman should have virtually complete autonomy over what happens to her body during the nine months that another life is forming within it.

Here is one example of that reasoning from Farah Diaz-Tello, a lawyer with (what irony!) National Advocates for Pregnant Women, who argued in *Mother Jones* that "charging a woman with manslaughter for using drugs while pregnant is just a backdoor way of establishing legal personhood for fetuses."

And I would argue, so what's wrong with that?

Those without voices or status in society deserve at least the minimum level of respect, and understanding that their lives, and their loss, matter.

And that's regardless of what Mommy Dearest might think.

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Data show US manufacturing can thrive again

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Most working-age Americans may only hear about the days when America's factories supplied goods to virtually the entire world.

Now China, India and other low-cost countries supply these goods. And before China, in the 1970s and '80s, it was Japan.

Indeed, two generations of Americans have now come of age laboring under the assumption that the United States can't compete with China and other low-cost manufacturers. While that may have been true a decade ago, it's no longer true today.

We recently completed an extensive review of manufacturing costs in 25 top exporting countries, which together account for 90 percent of global manufacturing exports. We then ranked them, creating what we call the "BCG Global Manufacturing Cost-Competitiveness Index."

What we found was that when the most important cost factors are considered — such as total labor costs, energy, productivity growth and currency exchange rates — "low-cost" Brazil is now one of the highest-cost manufacturing nations in the world, Mexico is cheaper than China, China is close to the United States (as are most of the traditionally "low-cost" countries of eastern Europe), and the low-cost leader in western Europe is none other than the country that launched the Industrial Revolution 250 years ago: the United

Kingdom.

The country with the lowest manufacturing costs, we found, was not China. It was Indonesia. Indonesia was followed by India, then Mexico and Thailand. China came next, at No. 5, followed closely by Taiwan, and then the United States.

Significantly, we found that the convergence in manufacturing costs between China and the United States was due primarily to the combination of rising labor costs in China and higher productivity levels and lower energy costs in the United States. When transportation and other factors — such as product quality, intellectual property rights and long-distance supply chain issues — also are considered, for many companies and product lines the alleged savings achieved by manufacturing in China hardly seem worth it anymore.

For the record, the countries with the highest manufacturing costs of the 25 we studied were Australia, Switzerland, Brazil, France, Italy and Belgium, all of which have costs that are 20 percent to 30 percent higher than U.S. costs.

The precise cost figures that we calculated represent just a current snapshot. More important is the trend line.

Brazil, China, the Czech Republic, Poland and Russia all experienced significant increases in relative manufacturing costs since 2004. It was due to some combination of sharp wage increases, lagging productivity growth, unfavorable currency swings and dramatic energy cost increases.

Several countries that were relatively expensive a decade ago, mostly in western Europe, fell even further behind. Relative

to U.S. costs, average manufacturing costs in Belgium rose 6 percent from 2004 to 2013; in Sweden, 7 percent; in France, 9 percent; in Italy, 10 percent. Due largely to productivity gains, the UK held its own.

And the two countries making the greatest gains in manufacturing competitiveness were the U.S. and Mexico. The key reasons were stable wage growth, sustained productivity gains, steady exchange rates and the big energy cost advantage the United States now enjoys, due to the shale-gas boom.

Our findings have important implications for both companies and governments. Many companies continue to see the United States as a high-cost manufacturer and Latin America, eastern Europe and Asia, especially China, as low-cost. In fact, the new data show that what exists today is a real competitive marketplace with manufacturing opportunities, with high-cost and low-cost countries virtually everywhere. This changes the decision-making process.

It also affects policymaking.

National leaders need to understand that many factors affect manufacturing competitiveness, including worker productivity, natural gas and electricity prices, exchange rates and infrastructure. It's not just labor costs. Only when they understand this can they formulate effective policies.

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OPINION

Don't repeat Iraq mistake in Afghanistan

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As the Obama administration grapples with how to respond to the terrorist takeover of northern Iraq, one consequence of the crisis should be clear: There is an urgent need to reassess the White House's recently announced plans for Afghanistan — specifically, its pledge that all U.S. troops will be withdrawn by the end of 2016, other than a small contingent attached to our embassy in Kabul.

Of course, Afghanistan is not Iraq; there are key differences between the two countries. But there are also parallels and lessons from America's experience in both wars that we ignore at our peril.

As with Iraq three years ago, the White House has justified the proposed Afghan pullout as “ending” one of the wars it inherited. But as in Iraq, the planned exit will do no such thing; rather, if carried forward, the complete departure of U.S. forces threatens to set the stage for the unraveling of everything our military has fought and sacrificed to achieve in Afghanistan, just as we now confront in Iraq.

In particular, the Obama administration's plan for Afghanistan significantly raises the risk that al-Qaida and its affiliates will be able to regenerate in the region where the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, were plotted, with dangerous implications for the security of the U.S. and its allies.

The United States has been able to degrade the terrorist threat in Afghanistan and the neighboring region of Pakistan in recent years. But there is every reason to think those gains will be reversed unless we keep up the pressure. That will be very difficult in the absence of a military presence on the ground in Afghanistan — just as we have seen in Iraq, where al-Qaida-linked networks were dismantled during the 2007-08 “surge,” only to return with a vengeance after U.S. troops left in late 2011.

Likewise, as in Iraq, the complete withdrawal of our troops will remove a critical

cal stabilizing factor from Afghanistan's still-fragile politics, create a vacuum that encourages neighboring states to step up unhelpful interference and heighten the danger that the country will slide back into civil war.

To make matters worse, the administration is also planning severe cuts in U.S. funding for the Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) — compounding the risk of a terrorist resurgence. Unlike oil-rich Iraq, Afghanistan cannot afford to sustain sufficient security forces on its own.

The number of authorized Afghan soldiers and police — which has grown to approximately 352,000 since President Barack Obama came to office — is slated to be reduced to 228,500 by 2018. This means cutting one-third of the Afghan end strength that we have slowly and methodically built up, and discharging more than 100,000 military-age males onto the streets. It flies in the face of common sense to think the U.S. can simultaneously remove all of our own forces while dramatically downsizing the ranks of our Afghan allies without courting Iraq-like disaster.

This in fact was the conclusion of a congressionally mandated independent assessment to include the presence of foreign military advisors) will be required to address the gaps in [ANSF] mobility, logistics, air support, and intelligence gathering through at least 2018.” ...

What makes the president's timetable for Afghanistan especially problematic is that, by pulling the last troops from Afghanistan during his first day in office, Obama is bequeathing a disaster in the making to his successor, hobbling the ability of our next commander in chief to manage a vital region of the world from Day One.

The alternative to the administration's



complete withdrawal is not to keep tens of thousands of Americans in Afghanistan fighting forever. This is a false choice; a more cautious middle way is possible.

The number of U.S. forces in Afghanistan can be responsibly scaled back between now and 2016, as Afghan troops are already increasingly bearing the burden of the fight themselves and as Americans withdraw from combat.

But rather than removing the entirety of America's military footprint from the country on an artificial timetable, the United States can slow the pace of the drawdown, leaving a residual coalition force on a handful of bases around the country — as our commanders on the ground reportedly originally preferred. Decisions on the next stages of transition can then be left to the next administration, informed by conditions on the ground.

At the same time, the Obama administration should invest the political capital necessary to sustain the current ANSF end

strength.

While Washington's actions or inactions matter hugely, decisions by local leaders in Afghanistan and Iraq will be decisive. Afghans can learn from the mistakes of their counterparts in Baghdad — foremost the need to govern inclusively and to seek a long-term U.S. security partnership.

This year, Obama described the presidency as a relay race, and in Afghanistan, he still has the opportunity to leave his successor a dramatically better situation than he inherited — a presidential legacy of which he and his national security team can be rightfully proud. The alternative is to rush to the exits and risk repeating in Afghanistan mistakes that have contributed to the calamity we now face in Iraq.

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World needs to take a dose of realism about Iraq

BY PANKAJ MISHRA
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The swift victories of the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant in Iraq bring to mind the prescient words of John Buchan in his famous 1916 spy novel “Greenmantle”: “There is a dry wind blowing through the East, and the parched grasses will be sparsely.”

Buchan was writing about the wildfire of revolt and secession running across the old Ottoman Empire, which had for centuries enjoyed suzerainty over much of the Middle East. Propped up through the late 19th century by Britain and France, the sick man of Europe was finally put out of his misery after the First World War, his possessions divided by his erstwhile patrons.

Under the Sykes-Picot agreement, the French share of the old Ottoman territory was to include Mosul; Britain then discovered the region had oil and placed it inside British Iraq. A ferocious band of fanatics aiming at the partition of Iraq and Syria captured the city last week, signaling that the conveniently neat map drawn by European imperialists at the height of their power may finally be erased.

The caliphate remains a delusion; at most, ISIL may help formalize the de facto partition of Iraq. But the flow of arms and fanaticism across porous borders raises the specter of anarchy in many places that

were once exposed to European divide-and-rule. Such evidently pre-modern phenomena as tribalism, sectarianism, too, are rampant from Somalia to Libya to Nigeria.

This should not force us into any nostalgia about the pseudo-Westphalian “peace” of Asia and Africa. Clumsy deceit and arrogance tainted, from the very beginning, the secret Anglo-French plan to partition the Middle East, and the resulting chaos of the World War I. The Syrians, we desired unity, were divided. Mesopotamia's various communities — Sunnis, Kurds, Shiites, all of whom wanted to preserve the autonomy they enjoyed under the Ottomans — were corralled into the new kingdom of Iraq. Evidently, “London either was not aware of or had given no thought to the popular mix of the Mesopotamian provinces,” as David Fromkin wrote in “A Peace to End All Peace.”

Such stability as existed in the Middle East after formal decolonization was achieved at a high price in blood and terror. Only a nascent, and heavily helped by, oil and police and rival foreign powers, could keep their non-melting pots of ethnic and religious communities from boiling over.

The Anglo-American invasion of Iraq in 2003 shifted the country's internal balance of power, empowering the Kurds and the Shiites at the expense of the Sunnis. In 2011, a politicized young population then doomed the status quo everywhere else in

the Arab world, exposing societies from Bahrain to Libya to fresh turmoil and, as in Egypt, unreconstructed dictatorship.

These unanticipated effects of the Arab Spring and a war waged ostensibly for freedom and democracy confirm that, far from making history with decisive moves and moral clarity, human beings are entangled in many ambiguous histories. Their actions continue to generate their own set of unpredictable consequences.

However, the most commonplace response among Western commentators, if not a war-weary public, to the ongoing remapping of the Middle East has been narcissistic: shock and despair, followed shortly thereafter by breast-beating and accusations that American and European leaders are not doing enough. Low-intensity recriminations grow into a hysterical clamor for airstrikes whenever some obviously bad guys are sighted.

There is almost no examination of the antiquated assumptions of order and control that underpin lamentations about Western apathy and indecisiveness. These mainly derive in Britain and France from their prettified imperial ventures, and in the United States from the successful invasion and occupation of Japan and Germany.

Both projects of geopolitical and human engineering were attempted in historical circumstances very different from ours. It is sobering to remember that swords were

turned into plowshares in Japan and Germany only after they had completed their destructive work — that is, after turning many countries into wastelands.

The world today is much less amenable to rational manipulation than it was in 1918 or 1945. Globalized elites hold that economic self-interest motivates humans everywhere, and that the Internet, mobile phones and cheap air travel are helping all of us escape old, parochial identities.

The reality is that imbalances of power, wealth and productivity are magnified many more times in our age. One result is that ethnic and religious loyalties, and notions of honor and dignity, have become more seductive than iPhones and elections. Meanwhile, despots in nation-states such as Iraq and Syria have lost the monopoly of force even within their own territories.

The resulting mayhem won't be ended by the sole international power that enjoys a global monopoly of force. At best, the U.S. can contain some of the violence, and then only, it turns out, with the help of regional powers — a despised old enemy (Iran) and the erratic successor of the Ottoman Empire (Turkey). Swords unsheathed as a century-old dispensation collapses in the Middle East can't be alchemized into plowshares anytime soon.

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FACES

Handling the hurt

'Rizzoli & Isles' actors work through cast member's death

BY NICOLE EVATT
The Associated Press

"Rizzoli & Isles" is saying goodbye to Lee Thompson Young, who played police Detective Barry Frost on the TNT crime drama. The 29-year-old actor was found dead in his North Hollywood, Calif., home last August of an apparent suicide. In the first episode of the new season, which airs Wednesday on AFN-Prime, his colleagues learn that Frost has died in a car accident.

Frost's memorial service will be featured in the following episode. Although the episode was difficult to shoot, said Sasha Alexander, 41, who plays medical examiner Dr. Maura Isles, she hopes it will help fans grieve and begin to heal.

"I hope that people who knew him and adored him and loved him on the show will enjoy it and be able to move through it with us," Alexander said.

"Rizzoli & Isles" also stars Angie Harmon as police Detective Jane Rizzoli.

Jan Nash signed on as the new show runner just months after Young's death, and had the difficult task of deciding how to proceed with the new season.

"I really do think it was very brave of TNT and Warner Bros. and Jan Nash to embark on handling it head-on," Alexander said. "They might have been like 'I can't deal with this. I don't know how to handle this,' but they didn't. They went for it."

Alexander said Young's absence is felt on the set. "They have not replaced him and don't intend to do so anytime soon," she said. "So his seat remains empty and it's something that we have had to look at and struggle with from day one of shooting."



Young



The television show "Rizzoli & Isles," starring Angie Harmon, left, and Sasha Alexander, is facing the death of one of its actors, Lee Thompson Young, head-on. The new season opens with the death of Young's character. "I hope that people who knew him and adored him and loved him on the show will enjoy it and be able to move through it with us," Alexander says.

Daytime Emmys go online; 'Y&R' big winner

BY YVONNE VILLARREAL
Los Angeles Times

The 41st Daytime Emmy Awards might forever be remembered as the one with the online buffering.

The best in daytime talk, soap operas and news gathered Sunday at the Beverly Hilton Hotel in Beverly Hills, Calif., for the annual ceremony, hosted by crude funnywoman Kathy Griffin. The #trendingtopic throughout the night was the online elephant in the room.

This year marked the first time that the ceremony did not air on TV. Unable to secure a broadcast home, the long-running awards show, which drew as many as 20 million viewers in its heyday, instead was streamed live online — which didn't go unacknowledged.

Eric Martsoff, upon accepting the night's first award for supporting actor in a drama for his work as Brady Black on "Days of Our Lives," wondered if his sons were "watching me on (their) iPads, but I know (they're) not."

Griffin, during a comedy bit later, calmed the rowdy audience by saying, "It's not even a real show; it's like Twitter. Relax."

But awards, bestowed by the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, were indeed handed out during the commercial-free webcast.

CBS' "The Young and the Restless," which led all contenders heading into the ceremony, took six trophies Sunday night, including the top prize as best drama. "The Ellen DeGeneres Show" took the Emmy for entertainment talk show.

"Good Morning America" won best morning show, and Telemundo's "El Nuevo Dia" won best morning show in Spanish.

In the legal showdown, "The People's Court" won its case. Steve Harvey left with two trophies: one as game show host for "Family Feud," the other for "Steve Harvey," for best informative talk show.

Syndicated veteran "Jeopardy!" was named best game show. Elsewhere, Dr. Mehmet Oz tied for best talk show host with Katie Couric, whose daytime talker was canceled after two seasons.

Given the ceremony's platform, achievements in the online space rightfully received airtime. In the category of drama series with new approaches, online serial "Venice: The Series" took a trophy. "One Life to Live," the long-running ABC soap that made its short-lived move to online in 2013 by producer Prospect Park, won for directing team.

That was one of six Emmys that "OLTL" and "All My Children," another broadcast veteran revived online, won this weekend. Creative categories were handed out on Friday.

The creative Arts Emmys honored PBS with 12 awards, six of which were for "Sesame Street."

'Think Like a Man' sequel a box office success

From wire services

The Las Vegas ensemble comedy "Think Like a Man Too" topped a slow weekend at the summer box office with \$30 million, besting blockbuster holdovers from last week and Clint Eastwood's new Four Seasons musical "Jersey Boys."

The Kevin Hart sequel "Think Like a Man Too" narrowly edged out "22 Jump Street," which earned \$29 million in its second week of release, according to studio estimates Sunday. The animated film "How to Train Your Dragon 2" slid to third with \$25.3 million.

The top three films are all sequels that moved into the big box-office summer season following surprise hit originals released in the springtime.

"Jersey Boys," Eastwood's adaptation of the Tony-winning Broadway musical about Frankie Valli's group, opened in fourth with \$13.5 million.

Writer-director Rian Johnson boarding Star Wars franchise

"Looper" writer-director Rian Johnson will write and direct "Star Wars: Episode VIII" and pen a treatment for Episode IX, a spokesperson for Johnson confirmed to the Los Angeles Times.

Johnson, who broke out as a director at the Sundance Film Festival in 2005 with his independent film "Brick," will take over George Lucas' franchise from J.J. Abrams, who is currently shooting "Star Wars: Episode VII" in London.

The news comes as something of a surprise given the tendency of this franchise — and other major series' in Hollywood — to stay with the same director for follow-up films. Spinoff "Star Wars" movies are also being planned with directors Gareth Edwards and Josh Trank.

"Star Wars: Episode VII" is scheduled for release Dec. 18, 2015.

Last sex-abuse lawsuit against Elmo actor tossed

A judge in Pennsylvania dismissed the last of five sex-abuse lawsuits filed against the Emmy-winning puppeteer who voiced the "Sesame Street" character Elmo.

The ruling did not weigh the merits of the claims but said 25-year-old accuser Sheldon Stephens filed suit too late against actor Kevin Clash.

Stephens accused Clash, now 53, of luring him into a sexual relationship after they met at a 2004 networking event for actors when Stephens was about 16.

Four similar lawsuits involving other accusers were previously dismissed in New York, where Clash lives, defense lawyer Michael Berger said.

Other news

■ Disney Theatrical Productions said Sunday it will shutter "Newsies," the high-energy musical about newsboys, after the Aug. 24 performance, pulling the plug on a 2-year-old show that has earned more than \$100 mil-

lion over roughly 1,000 shows but has seen its weekly take dip in recent months.

■ A shooting involving rapper **ScHoolboy Q** after a concert at the historic Red Rocks amphitheater west of Denver was likely not a random act of violence, authorities said Saturday. The rapper was not hurt in the June 19 shooting, but three other people in the vehicle he was in suffered non-life-threatening injuries. No arrests have been made.

■ A homeless man has been ordered to undergo psychological treatment after pleading no contest to stalking **Selena Gomez**. He'll also have to stay 200 yards away from the singer-actress and her home for 10 years.

■ Former "Today" talk show host **Katie Couric** has married a New York financier in a small ceremony at her East Hampton home in New York. People magazine reports that Couric, 57, and John Molner, 51, took their vows June 21 in front of 50 guests.

■ A home owned by talk show host **Conan O'Brien** has been removed from a Rhode Island auction after he paid some back taxes on the property. O'Brien publicist Drew Shane issued a statement saying O'Brien had been unaware he owed back taxes of about \$8,000. He blamed the problem on a clerical error.

■ Grand Ole Opry member **Jimmy C. Newman**, known for mixing Cajun and country music, died June 21 in Nashville after a brief illness. He was 86.

■ **Steve Rossi**, one half of the prolific comedy duo Allen & Rossi, which became a favorite of "The Ed Sullivan Show" and other TV variety shows, died Sunday at age 82.

SHIFTING GEARS

The old GM haunts lifers Barra, Reuss

Ignition crisis a bitter reminder of pre-bankruptcy company culture

By MARK PHELAN
Detroit Free Press

The unfolding horror of the ignition switch crisis is a bitter pill for engineers and General Motors lifers like CEO Mary Barra and global product chief Mark Reuss, who chafed under the old cost-driven culture that created so many mediocre and poor vehicles. The two engineers knew they had a chance for a fresh start for GM after bankruptcy.

"We got professional at rationalizing" why GM's vehicles weren't better, Reuss said last year, months before the current crisis. "That was humiliating to us as engineers. We knew we could do better."

He and Barra worked side by side in those days and believed they had turned the corner when Consumer Reports chief of automotive testing declared last year: "The new vehicles GM has introduced post-bankruptcy have been hits. Clearly, car people are now in charge."

Just when they thought they were free, the old GM reached out and dragged them back.

At least 13 dead — incompetence, inattention and almost certainly some active wrongdoing to hide evidence from even internal watchdogs. The "history of failures" attorney Anton Valukas' report chronicles is almost certainly worse than they could have imagined.

The fact that neither Barra, Reuss nor any of GM's other leaders and top engineers knew about the problem is not an acquittal. It's an indictment. It's proof that terms like "silos" and "fiefdoms" are more than corporate buzzwords. They can be killers.

"Nobody took responsibility" for figuring out what was wrong, Barra said. "There was no demonstrated sense of urgency."

Safety and quality are everybody's responsibility, she told GM's 200,000 employees from Detroit to Rio de Janeiro to Shanghai. If they see a problem and aren't satisfied with how it's being addressed, they should email her personally.

Assuming accountability like that is admirable and risky. Barra showed GM employees they're all responsible for safety by taking responsibility herself. GM's CEO never gets to claim ignorance again. The buck stops on her desk.

But the key to regaining customers' trust and restoring em-



PHOTOS BY JOHN F. MARTIN/GM

Above: General Motors CEO Mary Barra, center, and Executive Vice President Mark Reuss, right, answer questions from the media with GM President Dan Ammann on June 5 at the GM Vehicle Engineering Center in Warren, Mich. Below: Barra welcomes Reuss to the stage during the world debut of the 2015 GMC Canyon midsize pickup on the eve of the North American International Auto Show in January.

"We got professional at rationalizing... That was humiliating to us as engineers. We knew we could do better."

Mark Reuss

General Motors executive vice president

employees' pride in the company lies in preventing problems, not fixing them after the fact.

The root of this whole sad story — before somebody ordered a new part and hid the evidence, before the first customer complaint was undervalued, before the first accident — lies in what engineers call "failure mode analysis."

Simply put, that means going over every system and asking, "What's the worst thing that can happen if this doesn't

analysis procedure, Reuss said Thursday. Barra, Reuss and President Dan Ammann will all participate in the decision to recall a vehicle. Before February they did not. It should also be impossible to change a part now without letting the whole organization know.

"The system in place today prevents that from ever happening again," Reuss said. "The people who missed the defect may have been too close" to the part or project to see the whole picture and understand what havoc the bad ignition switches would wreak.

"Each one of us has the power to make GM a better, more customer-focused company," Barra told employees. "This is a test of our character and our values. In the end, I'm not afraid of the truth and I know you aren't either."

If the new system works, and if everybody at GM takes the company's recent failings as personally as Barra and Reuss appeared to Thursday, they may have begun a new chapter in the company's history.



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A member of the Old Guard conditions the leather inside the stables at Fort Myer while other soldiers attend to the horses.



Members of the Old Guard pull caissons out of the stables at Fort Myer for use in funerals at Arlington National Cemetery.



A member of the Old Guard applies black polish on a hoof of a horse at Fort Myer.



Members of the Old Guard stand around outside the stables at Fort Myer as the first horses are brought out to be attached to a caisson.

THE OLD GUARD



Caisson at Arlington to solemn

BY MEREDITH
Stars and Stripes

The sun isn't up yet, but the Old Guard is already getting dirty at Fort Myer. Over saddles and stirrups, fingers turn to clean and condition the leather. These Old Guard 3rd U.S. Infantry soldiers are part of the Caisson Platoon. Their job is to take care of some of the horses in the world.

The caisson that the horses pull at Arlington National Cemetery carries the remains of the fallen to their final resting places. The riders play a sacred role at Arlington National Cemetery, solemn in step and steeped in tradition as they serve.

That ritual starts with these soldiers prepping the horses and equipment. The horses in the team, with some on the ground and some at Fort Myer, rotate between forts, working one day at a time. There are currently 49 soldiers in the platoon, but there are positions for more.

"We conduct eight full honor funerals a day, splitting the workload between four teams for a total of four funerals per day," said Staff Sgt. John Ford, who has been in the platoon for two years and is the platoon sergeant. He spent one year as a platoon leader conducting funerals for the fallen.

There are four riding teams at Arlington National Cemetery when the two riding teams are

ONLINE



For video and more photos from a day spent with the horses — and soldiers — of Fort Myer's Caisson Platoon as well as stories, galleries and videos exploring 150 years at Arlington National Cemetery, go to: stripes.com/arlington150



Platoon adds traditions

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(two squads), and not conducting

funerals, they are responsible for maintain- ing the stables. The platoon conducts an average of 1,700 fu- nerals per year between all five ser- vice branches. The honor is reserved for all officers, warrant officers, sergeants major (E-9, the highest enlisted rank) and anyone killed in the line of duty, Ford said.

"Priority is to those killed in action," Ford said.

Saddles must be cleaned, horses too — whether they like it or not. Like their human counterparts, some are rather grumpy as they get hosed down. After the showers the horses are dried off and brushed down. Shoes are checked and horses are dressed. Afterward the horses are brought outside and hooked up to the caissons that carry the re- mains. The whole process takes several hours.

Each horse has a distinct personality and soldiers have their favorites. Mickey is missing an eye. Another is known to be rowdy in the shower. Some horses get along better than others, and certain horses don't like to follow others once they are hooked to the caisson.

"Working with the horses is its own reward, and being able to be part of a tradition so steeped in history is amazing, but the greatest honor of being able

to ride funerals at Arlington National Cemetery is being able to provide closure to family members and to be able the offer that last measure of re- spect that the United States Army and our sister services can give," Ford said.

The horses pull a caisson, a replica of an early 20th-Century wagon used for 75mm cannons and originally equipped with ammunition chests, tools and more. There are five caissons in the fleet, and the Old Guard is in the process of upgrading their carriages. The fifth caisson is used for training purposes.

The caisson team is made up of seven horses, but six horses pull caisson through the cemetery. Only the left side of the team has riders — another aspect steeped in tradition.

"The seventh horse is ridden off the team to allow the section chief to move independently of the team to ensure the routes are clear and passable, and to coordinate with the marching troops prior to the funeral service," Ford said.

In battles, the horses on the right side were used

IF YOU GO

The caisson stables are free and open to the public. Walk-in tours are available from noon-4 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. To schedule a tour, email usarmy.jbmhh.mdw.mbx.tog-pao@mail.mil

for carrying provisions and could re- place a main horse if needed. Caissons were used to haul the dead and wounded from the battlefield in addition to carrying ammunition. The field artillery used a six horse hitch, and today the platoon uses their equipment, tack, techniques and their training methods laid out in the artillery manual printed by the Army in 1942, Ford said.

"We perform the exact same funeral ser- vice when two family members are in attendance as we do when half of Maryland has journeyed to our cemetery, because the departed has earned those honors," Ford said.

Special funerals have a caparisoned, or "cap" horse, where empty boots are positioned backward in the stirrups. This horse would follow the caisson with the casket and was usually led by a single foot soldier. At Arlington, that happens when an Army or Marine Corps officer was ranked a colonel or above. The most famous cap horse at Fort Myer is Sgt. York — named after the World War I soldier Alvin C. York — who walked behind President Ronald Reagan's caisson.

According to the small museum in the stables at Fort Myer, one of the earliest examples of a cap horse in the United States was the funeral of George Washington. His horse, carrying his saddle, holsters and pistols, was led behind the procession. Abraham Lincoln, however, was the first president to be honored with a caparisoned horse in a state funeral.

According to the museum, the use of a cap horse originated in the ancient custom of sacrificing a horse at the burial of a warrior. It symbolized that a soldier had fallen as a warrior and would ride no more. Eventually that evolved into the horse being rider-less during funeral processions to symbolize the fallen warrior.

"Our actions in Arlington Cemetery tell the surviving family members that they are not alone in their grief, they are not alone in their loss," Ford said.



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A member of the Old Guard holds two horses while another member attaches the American flag to an empty casket as they prepare the teams for Arlington National Cemetery.

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BUSINESS/WEATHER

US hinterlands woo Chinese firms

BY PAUL WISEMAN
The Associated Press

PINE HILL, Ala. — Burdened with Alabama's highest unemployment rate, long abandoned by textile mills and furniture plants, Wilcox County desperately needs jobs.

They're coming, and from a most unlikely place: Henan province, China, 7,600 miles away.

Henan's Golden Dragon Precise Copper Tube Group opened a plant here last month. It will employ more than 300 in a county known less for job opportunities than for lakes filled with bass, pine forests rich with wild turkey and boar and muddy roads best negotiated in four-wheel-drive trucks.

"Jobs that pay \$15 an hour are few and far between," said Dottie Gaston, an official in nearby Thomasville.

What's happening in Pine Hill is starting to happen across America.

After decades of siphoning jobs from the United States, China is

creating some. Chinese companies invested a record \$14 billion in the United States last year, according to the Rhodium Group research firm. Collectively, they employ more than 70,000 Americans, up from virtually none a decade ago.

Powerful forces — narrowing wage gaps, tumbling U.S. energy prices, the vagaries of currency markets — are pulling Chinese companies across the Pacific. Mayors and economic development officials have lined up to welcome Chinese investors. Southern states, touting low labor and land costs, have been especially aggressive.

In the case of the Pine Hill plant, tax breaks, some Southern hospitality and a tray of homemade banana pudding helped, too.

"Get off the plane and the mayor is waiting for you," said Hong Kong billionaire Ronnie Chan.

In March, Dothan, Ala., held a two-day U.S.-China manufactur-

ing symposium, drawing dozens of potential Chinese investors. On

\$14B

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Chinese executives wandered around during a street festival, experiencing Americana by snapping photos of vintage '60s muscle cars. A Chinese company, in a deal negotiated before the symposium, announced it would bring a 3D printing operation to Dothan.

Among other Chinese projects in the United States that are creating jobs:

■ In Moraine, Ohio, Chinese glassmaker Fuyao Glass Industry Group Co. is taking over a plant that General Motors abandoned in 2008 and creating at least 800

jobs. The site puts Fuyao within four hours' drive of auto plants in Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana.

■ In Lancaster County, S.C., Chinese textile manufacturer Keer Group is investing \$218 million in a plant to make industrial yarn and will employ 500. South Carolina nudged the deal along with a \$4 million grant.

■ In Fanning, Texas, Tianjin Pipe is investing over \$1 billion in a factory that makes pipes for oil and gas drillers. The company expects to begin production late this year or early in 2015. It will have 50 to 70 employees by the end of this year and 400 to 500 by the end of 2017.

The United States and China have long maintained a lopsided relationship: China makes things. America buys them. The U.S. trade deficit in goods with China last year hit a record \$318 billion, and for three decades, numerous U.S. manufacturers have moved operations to China.

The flow is at least starting to move the other way.

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (June 24)	£1,394.95
U.S. dollar costs (June 24)	£1,074.45
British pound (June 24)	—
Japanese yen (June 24)	£9.00
Swiss franc (June 24)	£93.45
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	£0.37
British (Pound)	£1,000.00
Canada (Dollar)	£1,078.30
France (Euro)	£1,394.95
Denmark (Krone)	£1.50
Egypt (Pound)	£15.25
Germany (Euro)	£1,395.83/£1,392
Hong Kong (Dollar)	£7.82
India (Rupee)	£1.00
Israel (Shekel)	£1.44
Japan (Yen)	£9.00
Lebanon (Pound)	£2.50
Norway (Krone)	£1.38
Philippines (Peso)	£6.82
Poland (Zloty)	£1.00
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	£3.75
Singapore (Dollar)	£1.00
South Africa (Rand)	£1.018.85
Sweden (Krona)	£1.00
Switzerland (Franc)	£1.657
Taiwan (Dollar)	£1.00
Turkey (Lira)	£2,033.33

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INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
Discount rate	0.75
Federal funds market rate	0.10
3-month bill	0.02
30-year bond	3.44

WEATHER OUTLOOK

TUESDAY IN THE MIDDLE EAST

**TUESDAY IN EUROPE****WEDNESDAY IN THE PACIFIC**

Tuesday's US temperatures

Chile	Hi	Lo	Wthr	Chattanooga	70	Lo	Rain	Fort Wayne	82	71	City	Louisville	86	75	Rain	Pocatello	86	49	PCldy	Sioux City	82	58	PCldy
Alexia, Texas	90	72	City	Cheyenne	76	49	City	Fresno	87	64	City	Lubbock	85	64	City	Portland, Maine	75	47	City	Sioux Falls	80	57	PCldy
Albany, N.Y.	81	62	City	Cincinnati	82	70	City	Grand Rapids	83	68	City	Madison	80	64	City	Providence	78	59	PCldy	Spokane	74	58	City
Albuquerque	86	62	PCldy	Cleveland	83	71	Rain	Grand Rapids	78	67	City	Meerford	80	56	PCldy	Pueblo	88	58	PCldy	Springfield, Ill.	74	69	City
Albion, Pa.	81	64	City	Colorado Springs	84	71	City	Green Bay	79	48	City	Minneapolis	80	64	City	Rochester, Durham	78	59	PCldy	St. Louis	80	60	PCldy
Amarillo	83	64	City	Columbia, S.C.	91	71	City	Green Bay	76	62	City	Miami Beach	92	77	City	Rapid City	75	54	City	Syracuse	84	65	Rain
Anchorage	83	69	City	Columbus, Ga.	89	71	City	Greensboro, N.C.	87	69	City	Midland-Odesa	90	74	PCldy	Reynolds	78	60	City	Tallahassee	94	72	Rain
Aspen, Colo.	84	69	City	Dayton	84	71	City	Harrisburg	80	69	City	Richmond	80	69	PCldy	Rockford	80	69	PCldy	Tampa	80	69	PCldy
Atlanta	86	70	Rain	Concord, N.H.	83	56	City	Hartford Spgld	80	58	PCldy	Mpls-St Paul	77	61	City	Roanoke	83	66	City	Toledo	82	72	Rain
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Austin	90	74	City	Dallas-Ft. Worth	75	55	City	Conolulu	86	74	City	Mobile	81	51	City	Rockledge	81	66	City	Tucson	81	73	City
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Birmingham	85	70	Rain	Des Moines	83	63	PCldy	Jackson, Miss.	82	70	City	New York City	82	64	PCldy	St Thomas	88	81	City	Washington	86	67	City
Bismarck	85	70	City	Des Moines	83	63	PCldy	Jackson, Miss.	82	70	City	New York City	82	64	PCldy	St Thomas	88	81	City	Washington	86	67	City
Boise	87	60	City	Duluth	62	54	Rain	Jameau	59	51	Rain	Norfolk, Va.	86	70	PCldy	Salt Lake City	93	63	PCldy	Wichita	86	66	PCldy
Boston	80	62	PCldy	El Paso	100	79	City	Kansas City	85	65	PCldy	North Platte	81	58	City	San Angelo	79	71	PCldy	Wichita Falls	90	71	City
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Brownsville	90	79	City	Erie	80	69	City	Las Vegas	81	69	City	Omaha	84	63	City	San Diego	73	64	City	Wilmington, Del.	84	65	City
Buffalo	80	69	City	Evansville	85	72	City	Las Vegas	81	69	City	Omaha	84	63	City	San Diego	73	64	City	Wilmington, Del.	84	65	City
Burlington, Vt.	82	63	City	Evansville	85	72	City	Las Vegas	81	69	City	Omaha	84	63	City	San Diego	73	64	City	Wilmington, Del.	84	65	City
Cabot, Maine	82	63	City	Fairbanks	70	50	City	Las Vegas	104	79	City	Pendleton	79	62	City	San Jose	79	55	City	Youngstown	83	67	Rain
Casper	85	63	City	Fargo	81	70	City	Lexington	84	71	City	Pendleton	79	62	City	San Jose	79	55	City	Youngstown	83	67	Rain
Charleston, S.C.	90	72	City	Flagstaff	81	46	City	Lincoln	85	62	PCldy	Philadelphia	85	65	City	Savannah	92	67	City				
Charleston, W.Va.	88	68	Rain	Flint	80	68	City	Little Rock	87	62	City	Phoenix	107	80	City	Seattle	78	57	City				
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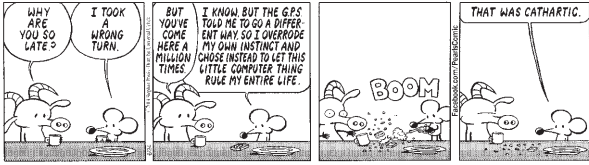
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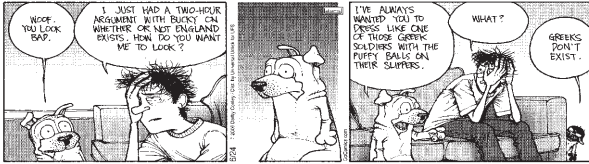
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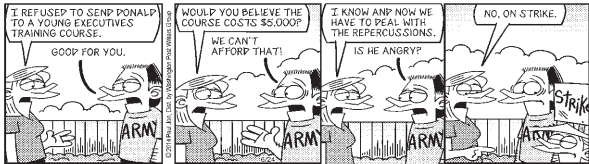
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- Division term
- Repeat
- Lover
- Perfect model
- Marie's brother
- Novelist Brown
- Petrol
- Records material
- Sunshade
- Berlin's "What'll —"
- Try the tea
- Literary collection
- Seeming contradiction
- Sent over the wires
- Enjoyment
- Peruke
- Talent
- Allegorical story
- Celestial phenom
- Accepted
- Teeny bit
- Census statistic
- Own
- Painter Magritte
- Foundation
- War god

DOWN

- Bivouac
- Neighborhood
- Taleteller
- Aliment
- Poultry purchase
- "Two and a Half Men" role
- Apiece
- Champagne cocktail
- Unsigned
- Dazzle
- 1776 loyalist
- Hebrew month
- Guy's date
- Space
- Bigwig, for short
- Greek mountain
- Neither mate
- Snapshots
- Kenny G's instrument
- Individual
- Young fellow
- Junior
- Burning
- Boring
- Evergreen sort
- Mystery writer Christie
- Like shiny floors
- Practice pugilism
- Pippa's sister
- Press
- Senate staffer
- Piglet's papa
- Adore
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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: NOVEL ABOUT A GUY TRYING TO RECALL PREVIOUS FENDER-BENDERS: "REMEMBRANCE OF DINGS PAST."

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: P equals T

WIMBLEDON

Murray routs Belgian in men's title defense

By STEPHEN WILSON
The Associated Press

LONDON — Andy Murray arrived on Centre Court to a standing ovation and left to another. After ending Britain's 77-year wait for a homegrown men's champion at Wimbledon last year, Murray got off to a strong start in Murray in his bid to become the first to retain the title since Fred Perry in 1936.

In keeping with tradition, Murray had the honor of playing the opening match on Centre Court as the defending men's champion — and looked right at home in beating David Goffin 6-1, 6-4, 7-5.

Murray broke the 105th-ranked Belgian four times, saved the only two break points against him and sealed the contest with an ace, his eighth of the match. It was Murray's 450th tour-level match win.

Murray received a huge ovation when he strode onto the court where he beat Novak Djokovic in last year's final, applauding at the applause and giving a wave to the crowd — including those fans who queued up for tickets overnight for the rare chance to see a reigning British champion.

"It was nice," Murray said. "I was nervous this morning, nervous yesterday. Walking through brings back a lot of good memories. I got a nice round of applause and once you sit down in a chair it's time to get ready for this year



PAVEL GOLOVIN/AP

Defending champ Andy Murray beat David Goffin 6-1, 6-4, 7-5 on Monday to kick off play on Centre Court at Wimbledon.

and move on from last year."

Murray's new coach, former women's champion Amelie Mauresmo, sat in the front row of the guest box but showed little emotion throughout the match. Murray said the two spoke over dinner last week about the pressures of returning to Centre Court as reigning champion.

"One of the things she said is she tried to take in the atmosphere and the experience of walking out as defending champion," Murray said. "You never know if you'll get the chance to do it again."

Murray was on top of his game from the outset, sailing through

the first set in 29 minutes, and closing out the second with an ace. Goffin was overpowered for the first two sets but raised his level in the third and pushed Murray hard.

"In the second and third sets I thought the standard was very high," Murray said. "He came up with some unbelievable passing shots. I was glad to finish it in three."

Among other men's winners was sixth-seeded and 2010 runner-up Tomas Berdych, who beat Victor Hanescu 6-7 (5), 6-1, 6-4, 6-3. No. 11 Grigor Dimitrov, No. 12 Ernests Gulbis and No. 17 Mikhail Youzhny also advanced.

In women's play, second-seeded Li Na of China advanced with a 7-5, 6-2 win over Paula Kania of Poland. Li, the 2011 French Open champion, rallied to win the last four games of the first set after being down a service break at 5-3.

Five-time champion Venus Williams won her first singles match at Wimbledon since 2011, posting a 6-4, 4-6, 6-2 victory over Maria-Teresa Torro-Flor of Spain.

Williams lost in the first round in 2012 and missed last year's tournament with a back injury.

Sloane Stephens, the 18th-seeded American, had her streak of reaching the second week at six consecutive Grand Slam tournaments ended with a 6-2, 7-6 (6) loss to 109th-ranked Maria Kirilenko of Russia.

Scoreboard

Monday
At The All England Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club
London
Purses: \$42.5 million (Grand Slam)
Surface: Grass-Outdoor

Singles

First Round

Tomas Berdych (6), Czech Republic, def. Victor Hanescu, Romania, 6-7 (5), 6-1, 6-4, 6-2.

Marinko Matosevic, Australia, def. Fernando Verdasco (18), Spain, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4, 6-2.

Gilles Simon, France, def. Konstantin Kravchuk, Russia, 6-2, 7-6 (4), 7-5.

Blaz Rola, Slovenia, def. Pablo Andujar, Spain, 6-3, 6-1, 6-4.

Sergiy Stakhovsky, Ukraine, def. Carlos Berrocal, Argentina, 6-3, 6-3, 6-3.

Ernesto Gulbis (12), Latvia, def. Jurgen Zopp, Estonia, 7-6 (7), 7-5, 7-6 (10).

Mikhail Youzhny (17), Russia, def. James Ward, Britain, 6-2, 6-2, 6-2.

Kevin Anderson (20), South Africa, def. Alejandro Gonzalez, Colombia, 6-3, 6-3, 6-2.

Edoardo Volandri, Italy, 7-6 (1), 6-2, 6-4.

Jerry Chardy, France, def. Daniel Cosma, Romania, 6-2, 6-7 (6), 6-3.

Bernard Tomic, Australia, def. Evgeny Donskoy, Russia, 6-4, 6-3, 6-2.

Marcelo Melo (20), South Africa, def. Aljaz Bedene, Slovenia, 6-3, 7-5, 6-2.

Leonardo Mayer, Argentina, def. Andreas Seppi (25), Italy, 6-3, 2-6, 4-6, 7-5, 6-4.

Marcelo Baghdatis, Cyprus, def. Dustin Brown, Germany, 6-4, 7-5, 2-6, 7-6 (3).

Grigor Dimitrov (11), Bulgaria, def. Roberto Bautista Agut (27), Spain, def. 6-2, 6-3, 6-2.

Robin Haase, Netherlands, def. Vasek Pospisil (31), Canada, 7-6 (4), 4-6, 7-5, 6-3.

David Ferrer (7), Spain, def. Pablo Carreno Busta, Spain, 6-0, 6-7 (3), 6-1, 6-1.

Stefano Ianni, Italy, def. Stefan Kramacher, Austria, 6-3, 6-7 (3), 6-4, 7-5.

Tim Puetz, Germany, def. Teymuraz Gabashvili, Russia, 7-6, 6-4, 6-2, 6-2.
Radost Stankovic, Czech Republic, def. Pablo Cuevas, Uruguay, 6-2, 6-4, 6-4.
Luke Saville, Australia, def. Dominic Thiem, Austria, 7-5, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4.

Women

First Round

Yanina Wickmayer, Belgium, def. Sam Stosur (17), Australia, 6-3, 6-4.

Peng Shuai, China, def. Johanna Konta, Britain, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4.

Maria Kirilenko, Russia, def. Sloane Stephens (18), United States, 6-2, 7-6 (6).

Katerina Makarova (22), Russia, def. Kimiko Date-Krumm, Japan, 3-6, 6-4, 7-5.

Barbora Zacharova, Czech Republic, def. Alisa Kudryavtseva, Russia, 6-2, 6-2.

Misaki Doi, Japan, def. Elina Svitolina, Ukraine, 6-4, 6-1.

Victoria Azarenka (8), Belarus, def. Mirjana Lucic-Baroni, Croatia, 6-3, 7-5.

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West Division			
Oakland	47	618	—
Seattle	43	564	7
Seattle	40	526	—
Texas	39	467	11 1/2
Houston	33	429	14 1/2

National League

	East Division	Pct	GB
Washington	39	527	111
Atlanta	37	493	21 1/2
Miami	37	493	21 1/2
New York	36	461	37
Philadelphia	34	459	5
Central Division			
Milwaukee	40	610	—
St. Louis	41	539	5 1/2
Cincinnati	37	490	8 1/2
Chicago	37	493	—
West Division			
San Francisco	45	600	—
Los Angeles	40	560	4
Colorado	34	453	11 1/2
San Diego	34	453	11 1/2
Arizona	32	407	15

Sunday games

Detroit 10, Cleveland 5	Tampa Bay 5, Houston 2
St. Louis 7, Kansas City 5	Minnesota 6, Chicago White Sox 5
Seattle 2, Kansas City 1	Boston 7, Oakland 6, 10 innings
L.A. Angels 5, Texas 2	N.Y. Mets 4, Miami 3
Cincinnati 4, Toronto 3	San Francisco 4, Los Angeles 1
St. Louis 5, Philadelphia 3	San Diego 4, San Francisco 1
Cincinnati 3, Chicago Cubs 1	L.A. Dodgers 2, San Diego 1
Milwaukee 6, Colorado 5	San Francisco 4, Colorado 5

Monday's games

Chicago White Sox 4, Toronto 3	San Francisco 4, Los Angeles 1
N.Y. Yankees at Toronto	Milwaukee at Philadelphia
Pittsburgh at Tampa Bay	Cincinnati at Chicago Cubs
Atlanta at Kansas City	Washington at Milwaukee
San Diego at San Francisco	Boston at Seattle

Chicago White Sox (Quintana 3-7) at Boston (Rios 2-2)	N.Y. Yankees (Pellico 3-4) at Toronto (Duffy 4-4)
Detroit (Smily 3-6) at Texas (Levies 4-4)	Minnesota (Gibson 6-5) at L.A. Angels (DeRived 4-4)

Mariners (Heaney 9-1) at Seattle (Ramirez 1-4)	Miami (Heaney 9-1) at Philadelphia (Boruck 1-3)
Oakland (Kazmir 9-2) at N.Y. Mets (Colon 1-3)	Pittsburgh (Locke 0-1) at Tampa Bay (Arrieta 3-1)

Atlanta (Hartung 5-4) at Houston (Feldman 3-4)	San Francisco (Kershaw 7-2) at Kansas City (Duffy 4-4)
San Francisco (Zimmermann 5-4) at Milwaukee (Gallardo 5-4)	St. Louis (Smith 7-6) at Colorado (Rios 2-2)

Cleveland (Masterson 4-5) at Arizona (Hahn 2-1) at San Francisco (Hudson 3-7)	
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Sunday Nationals 4, Braves 1

	Washington	Pct	GB
LaSalle 2b	3	0	0
Blyden 3b	4	0	0
Wright 4b	4	0	0
Gattis 5b	4	0	0
Harmon 6b	4	0	0
Jupton 7b	4	0	1
Chinn 8b	4	0	1
Smith 9b	4	0	1
Asmns 4b	4	0	1
Johnson 5b	4	0	1
Jschir 6b	4	0	1
Smith 7b	4	0	1
Hale 8b	4	0	1
Smith 9b	4	0	1
Totals	29	4	3

	Atlanta	Pct	GB
LaSalle 2b	3	0	0
Blyden 3b	4	0	0
Wright 4b	4	0	0
Gattis 5b	4	0	0
Harmon 6b	4	0	0
Jupton 7b	4	0	1
Chinn 8b	4	0	1
Smith 9b	4	0	1
Asmns 4b	4	0	1
Johnson 5b	4	0	1
Jschir 6b	4	0	1
Smith 7b	4	0	1
Hale 8b	4	0	1
Smith 9b	4	0	1
Totals	29	4	3

	Washington	Pct	GB
LaSalle 2b	3	0	0
Blyden 3b	4	0	0
Wright 4b	4	0	0
Gattis 5b	4	0	0
Harmon 6b	4	0	0
Jupton 7b	4	0	1
Chinn 8b	4	0	1
Smith 9b	4	0	1
Asmns 4b	4	0	1
Johnson 5b	4	0	1
Jschir 6b	4	0	1
Smith 7b	4	0	1
Hale 8b	4	0	1
Smith 9b	4	0	1
Totals	29	4	3

	Atlanta	Pct	GB
LaSalle 2b	3	0	0
Blyden 3b	4	0	0
Wright 4b	4	0	0
Gattis 5b	4	0	0
Harmon 6b	4	0	0
Jupton 7b	4	0	1
Chinn 8b	4	0	1
Smith 9b	4	0	1
Asmns 4b	4	0	1
Johnson 5b	4	0	1
Jschir 6b	4	0	1
Smith 7b	4	0	1
Hale 8b	4	0	1
Smith 9b	4	0	1
Totals	29	4	3

Rays 5, Astros 2

	Houston	Pct	GB
Fowler 1b	5	1	2
Altuve 2b	3	0	1
Springer 3b	3	0	1
Mom 4b	3	0	1
Carroll 5b	3	0	1
Guzm 6b	3	0	1
Grissm 7b	3	0	1
Grissm 8b	3	0	1
Jcastro 9b	3	0	1
Villar 4b	3	0	1
Singh 5b	3	0	1
Totals	31	2	7

	Tampa Bay	Pct	GB
Beard 1b	5	1	2
W3-2	3	0	1
Balfour 2b	3	0	1
Peralta 3b	3	0	1
HBP—by Kousser (Beverly D. Jennings), by Bedard (Springer), T—25A, 1—33A41 (31,042).			

Reds 4, Blue Jays 3

	Toronto	Pct	GB
Kawyk 3b	4	1	2
McCar 4b	4	1	2
Peralta 5b	4	1	2
Peralta 6b	4	1	2
Peralta 7b	4	1	2
Peralta 8b	4	1	2
Peralta 9b	4	1	2
Peralta 1b	4	1	2
Peralta 2b	4	1	2
Peralta 3b	4	1	2
Peralta 4b	4	1	2
Peralta 5b	4	1	2
Peralta 6b	4	1	2
Peralta 7b	4	1	2
Peralta 8b	4	1	2
Peralta 9b	4	1	2
Totals	34	7	1

	Cincinnati	Pct	GB
Kawyk 3b	4	1	2
McCar 4b	4	1	2
Peralta 5b	4	1	2
Peralta 6b	4	1	2
Peralta 7b	4	1	2
Peralta 8b	4	1	2
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Totals	34	7	1

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Peralta 5b	4	1	2
Peralta 6b	4	1	2
Peralta 7b	4	1	2
Peralta 8b	4	1	2
Peralta 9b	4	1	2
Totals	34	7	1

	Baltimore	Pct	GB
Kawyk 3b	4	1	2
McCar 4b	4	1	2
Peralta 5b	4	1	2
Peralta 6b	4	1	2
Peralta 7b	4	1	2
Peralta 8b	4	1	2
Peralta 9b	4	1	2
Peralta 1b	4	1	2
Peralta 2b	4	1	2
Peralta 3b	4	1	2
Peralta 4b	4	1	2
Peralta 5b	4	1	2
Peralta 6b	4	1	2
Peralta 7b	4	1	2
Peralta 8b	4	1	2
Peralta 9b	4	1	2
Totals	34	7	1

	New York	Pct	GB
Kawyk 3b	4	1	2
McCar 4b	4	1	2
Peralta 5b	4	1	2
Peralta 6b	4	1	2
Peralta 7b	4	1	2
Peralta 8b	4	1	2
Peralta 9b	4	1	2
Peralta 1b	4	1	2
Peralta 2b	4	1	2
Peralta 3b	4	1	2
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Peralta 6b	4	1	2
Peralta 7b	4	1	2
Peralta 8b	4	1	2
Peralta 9b	4	1	2
Totals	34	7	1

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McCar 4b	4	1	2
Peralta 5b	4	1	2
Peralta 6b	4	1	2
Peralta 7b	4	1	2
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Peralta 7b	4	1	2
Peralta 8b	4	1	2
Peralta 9b	4	1	2
Totals	34	7	1

	Baltimore	Pct	GB
Kawyk 3b	4	1	2
McCar 4b	4	1	2
Peralta 5b	4	1	2
Peralta 6b	4	1	2
Peralta 7b	4	1	2
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MLB

Ramirez powers Brewers past Rockies

Milwaukee dominant on the road

By MICHAEL KELLY
The Associated Press

DENVER — The Milwaukee Brewers are on such a roll away from home not even playing imperfect baseball can stop them. Aramis Ramirez homered and drove in two runs, and the Brewers continued their road dominance with a 6-5 win over the Colorado Rockies on Sunday.

It wasn't the prettiest series win for the Brewers, who gave up 19 runs in the three games and allowed 15 hits on Sunday. But they found a way to win all weekend.

Now they head back to Milwaukee for a seven-game homestand, including four against Colorado starting Thursday.

"We play pretty good at home, too," Ramirez said. "We've played pretty well on the road but you're always looking forward to go home. We just finished a great road trip and we're looking for a great homestand."

Milwaukee swept the Rockies to finish 6-1 on a road trip that started in Arizona. The Brewers' 27-15 record and .643 winning percentage away from home is the best in the majors. Oakland (.622) and the Los Angeles Dodgers (.615) are the only other teams close to matching Milwaukee's success.

Kyle Lohse (9-2), who allowed three runs on seven hits in five innings to win consecutive starts for the first time in a month.

"It was a great road trip, cer-



DAVID ZALUBOWSKI/AP

Colorado's Charlie Blackmon dives back into first base as Milwaukee's Mark Reynolds fields the pickoff throw in Denver on Sunday.

tainly with the wins," manager Ron Roenicke said. "We made some mistakes, there were plays we didn't make the right way. If we continue to win we have to play cleaner baseball."

Wilin Rosario hit his eighth homer of the season, finishing with four hits and had three RBIs for Colorado, which has lost six straight and fell to 6-14 in June.

After winning 16 of their first 23 home games the Rockies have lost 10 of 13 at Coors Field, where they have been swept twice in June.

Road warriors

6-1

Milwaukee's record on its latest road trip, including this weekend's three-game sweep of Colorado.

27-15

The Brewers' record away from home stadium Miller Park this season, the best in the majors.

.643

Brewers road winning percentage. Only Oakland (.622) and the LA Dodgers (.615) are comparable.

SOURCE: The Associated Press

Roundup

BoSox win on Big Papi home run

The Associated Press

OAKLAND, California — David Ortiz hit a leadoff home run in the 10th inning as the Boston Red Sox beat the Oakland Athletics 7-6 avoid a four-game sweep.

Ortiz was the only Boston starter without a hit until lining a 1-2 pitch from Fernando Abad (2-3) over the wall in left-center.

The Red Sox had to go extra innings after letting a 6-1 lead slip away. The A's scored three runs in the eighth, then Stephen Vogt and pinch-hitter John Jaso homered in the ninth against Koji Uehara (3-1). The closer had converted 31 consecutive save opportunities dating to 2013.

The A's had won five straight before Ortiz's 17th homer bailed out Boston's bullpen.

Orioles 8, Yankees 0: Chris Tillman allowed four hits in seven innings as visiting Baltimore handed New York ace Masahiro Tanaka his second major league loss.

Angels 5, Rangers 2: Rookie Matt Shoemaker won his fifth straight decision, and C.J. Cron and Kole Calhoun homered

in the fourth inning against Yu Darvish as the Angels completed a three-game sweep of visiting Texas.

Tigers 10, Indians 4: Max Scherzer pitched six strong innings, and Miguel Cabrera homered and drove in three runs as Detroit beat Cleveland for a three-game road sweep.

Rays 5, Astros 2: Yunel Escobar drove in two runs during a three-run sixth inning as host Tampa Bay beat Houston.

Royals 2, Mariners 1: Rookie Roenis Elias pitched neatly into the seventh inning and Mike Zunino homered as Seattle defeated visiting Kansas City for a three-game sweep.

Twins 6, White Sox 5: Joe Mauer had two hits and two RBIs as host Minnesota completed its first four-game sweep against Chicago in 20 years.

Reds 4, Blue Jays 3: Johnny Cueto pitched eight effective innings as host Cincinnati beat Toronto after the Blue Jays lost Brett Lawrie and Jose Bautista to injuries.

Mets 11, Marlins 5: Daniel Murphy hit

a three-run homer as visiting New York matched a season high with 17 hits to beat slumping Miami.

Nationals 4, Braves 1: Tanner Roark won his fourth straight start and Denard Span had an RBI double as Washington beat visiting Atlanta for a split of the four-game series between NL East rivals.

Cardinals 5, Phillies 3: Mark Ellis drove in two runs, including the go-ahead score with a bunt, as host St. Louis got a scoreless effort from its bullpen to beat Philadelphia.

Pirates 2, Cubs 1: Brandon Cumpston pitched seven scoreless innings and Travis Snider hit a solo homer as visiting Pittsburgh beat Chicago.

Dodgers 2, Padres 1: Hyun-Jin Ryu pitched six solid innings as Los Angeles beat host San Diego soon after Padres' general manager Josh Byrnes was fired.

Giants 4, Diamondbacks 1: Madison Bumgarner gave up just two infield singles while pitching into the ninth inning as visiting San Francisco beat Arizona.



GEORGE NIKITIN/AP

Boston Red Sox's David Ortiz reacts after hitting a game-winning home run against the Oakland Athletics on Sunday.

GOLF/SPORTS BRIEFS



BOB LEVERONE/AP

Michelle Wie poses with the trophy after winning the U.S. Women's Open in Pinehurst, N.C., on Sunday. Wie followed a double bogey on No. 16 with a birdie on the 17th that wrapped up her first major victory.

Wie's first major mirrors career

Path to US Women's Open title had its share of ups and downs

By DOUG FERGUSON

The Associated Press

PINEHURST, N.C. — The road Michelle Wie took to a U.S. Women's Open title was unlike any other, and suddenly insignificant. Whether this was a long time coming was the least of her cares.

The biggest star in women's golf had her name on the biggest trophy.

She never looked happier.

"Oh my God, I can't even think straight," Wie said Sunday after a two-shot victory over Stacy Lewis to claim her first major.

The final three holes at Pinehurst No. 2 were filled with ups and downs that Wie knows as well as anyone in golf. She responded with a performance worthy of the hype that had been heaped on her since she was a teenager.

With a three-shot lead on the 16th hole, Wie nearly threw it all away with one poor decision, only keeping the lead by making a nervy 5-foot putt for double bogey. And right when it looked as though this would end badly, the 24-year-old from Hawaii responded with the putt of her life that made her a Women's Open champion.

Facing a 25-foot birdie putt on 17 that was fast and dangerous, Wie pumped her fist when it fell, then pounded her fist twice to celebrate the moment.

"That kind of emotion, that kind of pressure ... I'll think of that putt as one of the best putts I've ever hit in my life," she said.

A par on the 18th gave her an even-par 70 to beat Lewis, the No. 1 player in women's golf who made Wie earn it. Lewis made eight birdies — the most in a final round by a male for female in the U.S. Open — and closed with a 66.

Lewis was on the range preparing for a playoff when her caddie told her Wie made birdie on the 17th. Moments later, Lewis was on the 18th green to hug Wie. Like most players, she was perplexed why Wie spent so much time trying to compete against the men when she still didn't have an LPGA Tour card.

They are friends now and practice frequently. Lewis said she wasn't the least bit surprised that Wie delivered such a clutch moment.

"I think that scene on 18, being on network TV, as many people as we had around there at Pinehurst No. 2 and Michelle Wie winning the golf tournament, I don't think you can script it any better," Lewis said.

"I think it's great for the game of golf. I think it's even better for women's golf. I'm so happy for Michelle Wie. I mean, this has been such a long time coming for her."

Stacy Lewis
No. 1-ranked women's golfer

Wie had chances to win this title when she was a 15-year-old amateur at Cherry Hills, and a 16-year-old pro at Newport. The last time she was in this area, she opened with an 82 at Pine Needles in 2007 and walked off the course the next day because of injuries.

She had been one of the biggest stars in women's golf since she was 13 and played in the final group of a major. Her popularity soared along with criticism when she competed against the men on the PGA Tour while still in high school and talked about wanting to play in the Masters.

That seems like a lifetime ago.

The 6-foot Wie is all grown up. She is a Stanford graduate, popular among pros of both genders, and now a major champion.

"I can't believe this is happening," Wie said.

It almost didn't.

Just like her so much of her life, the path included a sharp twist no one saw coming.

Wie started the final round tied with Amy Yang, took the lead when Yang made double bogey on No. 2 and didn't let anyone

catch her the rest of the day.

In trouble on the tough fourth hole, she got up-and-down from 135 yards with an 8-iron into 3 feet. Right when Lewis was making a big run, Wie answered by ripping a drive on the shortened par-5 10th and hitting a cut 8-iron into 10 feet for eagle and a four-shot lead.

She had not made a bogey since the first hole — and then it all nearly unraveled.

From a fairway bunker on the 16th, holding a three-shot lead, she stayed aggressive and hit hybrid from the sand.

"I was kind of a dummy for not laying up when I was in that situation," she said. "And it kind of bit me in the butt. But I laughed it off. Stuff like that does happen."

The only time panic began to set in was when no one could find her ball. It finally was located after a three-minute search, buried in a wiregrass bush. She quickly and wisely took a penalty drop behind her in the fairway to limit the damage, chipped to about 35 feet and ran that putt some 5 feet by the hole.

Miss it and she would be tied.

Best over in the table-top putting stance, she poured it in to avoid her first three-putt of the round. Smiling as she left the green, she hit 8-iron to 25 feet and delivered a putt that will surely rank among the highlights in U.S. Women's Open history.

Wie finished at 2-under 278, the only player to beat par in the second week of championship golf at Pinehurst. Martin Kaymer won by eight shots last week at 9-under 271, the second-lowest score in U.S. Open history.

"I think that without your downs, without the hardship, I don't think you appreciate the ups as much as you do," Wie said, the gleaming trophy at her side. "I think the fact that I struggled so much, the fact that I kind of went through a hard period of my life, the fact that this trophy is right next to me, it means so much more to me than it ever would have when I was 15."

"I feel extremely lucky."

Briefly

Anthony opts to hit free agency

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Carmelo Anthony is putting himself on the free agent market.

Anthony has informed the New York Knicks of his long-expectations plans, two people with knowledge of the details said Sunday.

Anthony had a Monday deadline to terminate the final year of his contract. He filed the paperwork on Friday, one of the people told The Associated Press on the condition of anonymity because no official announcements were made.

Anthony has repeatedly said he planned to explore free agency this summer. Team president Phil Jackson told the All-Star forward after the season he may want to delay the decision and play out the final year of his deal, which would have paid him \$23.3 million, but Anthony is going ahead with his previous plans.

He told the Knicks he was sticking to his intentions during a recent meeting in Los Angeles with Jackson, general manager Steve Mills and new coach Derek Fisher, and has now made it official.

He will be eligible to negotiate with teams starting July 1.

Teams such as Chicago, Houston, Dallas and Miami have been mentioned as potential suitors for Anthony, a two-time Olympic gold medalist who led the NBA in scoring in 2012-13.

Report: Politics had no role in Sandusky probe

HARRISBURG, Pa. — A report released Monday detailing the handling of the Jerry Sandusky child molestation case faults police and prosecutors for long delays in bringing charges but found no evidence that politics affected the investigation.

The report, commissioned by Democratic Attorney General Kathleen Kane and written by former federal prosecutor Geoff Moulton, by a former federal prosecutor blamed a three-year time lapse in filing charges on communication problems, an expungement of a 1998 complaint about the former Penn. State coach and a failure to take certain investigative steps early on.

"The facts show an inexcusable lack of urgency in charging and stopping a sexual predator," said Kane, who had vowed to conduct a review of the investigation while running for office. "The report documents that more investigative work took place in just one month in 2011 than in all of either 2009 or 2010."

Moulton said his review, including internal emails by state prosecutors, "revealed no direct evidence that electoral politics influenced any important decision made in the Sandusky investigation."

Streelman closes with 6 birdies, wins Travelers Championship

CROMWELL, Conn. — Kevin Streelman birdied the last seven holes to win the Travelers Championship by a stroke at TPC River Highlands.

Streelman shot his second straight 6-under 64 to finish at 15-under 265. He broke the tour record for consecutive closing birdies by a winner of six set by Mike Souchak in the 1956 St. Paul Open.

AUTO RACING

Edwards races to first road course win

By JENNA FRYER

The Associated Press

SONOMA, Calif. — His future with Roush Fenway Racing is uncertain, but Carl Edwards isn't letting that slow him down this season.

Edwards' win on Sunday at Sonoma Raceway was his second of the season and locked him into the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship. The pivotal moment comes as speculation mounts he's leaving Roush at the end of the season to join Joe Gibbs Racing.

Edwards, who declines to discuss his future, said he's able to focus on the job at hand.

"I think you guys [the media] worry about that more than we do," he said. "We come out here and race every week and the mission is to win the championship. So for me, it's really simple: I want to give the best I can every week, and that's it."

Edwards grabbed his first career road course victory and ended the Hendrick Motorsports juggernaut of five-consecutive races by holding off five-time Sonoma winner Jeff Gordon. It came a week after Roush Fenway was shut out at Michigan, where the organization failed to put a car in the top 10 for the first time since 2000.

Edwards took the lead on a restart with 25 laps remaining and seemed to have the win wrapped up until Gordon nearly chased him down on the final lap. Gordon had one good look at Edwards and couldn't pull off the pass.

"My road racing progression, it's been a pretty long climb," Edwards said. "The real special part to me was to stand in Victory Lane at Sonoma and have Jeff Gordon come and give me a handshake as the second-place finisher. I grew up watching Jeff Gordon, and specifically watching how he drove this race track and all the successes he had here, so I mean, that's really super. It's something I'll never forget."

It wasn't a terrible day for the Hendrick organization, which had won every Sprint Cup Series race since May 10. Instead, HMS settled for its four drivers finishing in the top seven.

Gordon, the series points leader, said he made one mistake in overdriving a turn with about five laps to go that allowed Edwards to build a healthy lead.

Dale Earnhardt Jr. was third after rallying from an earlier incident that wrecked Matt Kenseth, and was apologetic on the radio and after the race.

"I tried to screw it up a couple times in the race, but I calmed down and was able to get a good finish," Earnhardt said after his career-best finish on a road course. "I got into Matt, I jumped a curb and jumped into the air and just ran into him. Totally my fault. I hope he's not sore with me."

Kasey Kahne bounced back from an early flat tire to finish sixth and Jimmie Johnson was seventh.

In all, Chevrolet drivers took spots two through seven as pole-sitter Jamie McMurray, a

Hendrick engine, finished fourth and Paul Menard was fifth.

Here's five things that happened at Sonoma:

1 Golden years: He turns 43 in August and the aches and pains that come with getting old have given Jeff Gordon back issues. But the four-time NASCAR champion isn't showing it on the track, and finished second on Sunday to maintain his spot atop the Sprint Cup standings.

His performance so far this season is the best he's run in years.

"It's certainly the most consistent, great cars I've had going week in and week out," he said. "I'm very confident in what I'm getting behind the wheel of every

weekend, and that just is because of all the hard work that's going on at Hendrick. The cars are just really, really good, and that's making a lot of fun for me."

2 Big finish: It wasn't pretty, and a mistake ended Matt Kenseth's race, but Dale Earnhardt Jr. left Sonoma with a career-best third-place finish. It was Earnhardt's first top-five in 15 career starts.

"Aside from holding a trophy, this is like a win for us," Earnhardt said. "I've been in the top 10 in a lot of these races with two or three laps to go, but we've just never been able to finish. We've been one of the better cars, and that certainly makes it fun with me not having to be defensive and root and gouge for every little spot."

3 Another bad day: Week after week, Kevin Harvick has continued to show he's got one of the strongest cars in the series. But, like so many other races, he failed to get the finish to show for his effort. After leading 23 laps, Harvick was 20th because he had nowhere to go after a Clint Bowyer spin and wound up hitting Bowyer.

"Just another day with the fastest car," he said. "We had a chance to win the race and kind of flubbed it up again."

4 Nice rebound: Kasey Kahne remains the only winless driver for Hendrick Motorsports, but he battled back from an early flat tire Sunday to salvage a sixth-place finish.

Kahne was running sixth when he had to make an unplanned pit stop to change his flat, and it dropped him to 32nd with a little more than half the race remaining.

"We had a fast car from the start," Kahne said. "We fell back and luckily we got back to sixth. We easily had a top-five car."

5 Fast Ford: Edwards' victory was the first at Sonoma for a Ford driver since Ricky Rudd in 2002. It also extended the streak of consecutive different winners at the 1.99-mile road course to 10.

"My road racing progression has been a pretty long climb," Edwards said, recalling times testing with Boris Said. "A lot of hard work has gone into this."

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Costa Rica coach Jorge Luis Pinto, left, greets Italy coach Cesare Prandelli after their match on Friday. Prandelli's suits, by Dolce&Gabbana, have helped make him one of the best dressed coaches in Brazil.

Dressed for success

Tournament puts coaches' varying styles on display for world

By JANIE MCCAULEY
The Associated Press

SAO PAULO — In the perfect picture of contrasting coaches' styles at this World Cup, Alejandro Sabella of Argentina stood near midfield dressed in a suit that looked appropriate for Wall Street, while Bosnia's Safet Sušić stood nearby looking like he was headed for a workout.

Plenty of coaches are setting high standards for style this World Cup, with fitted jackets, gleamingly shined shoes and ties in the national colors. Others look like they want to be comfortable exhorting their players and yelling at referees.

Croatia's Niko Kovac, a doppelganger of actor Joseph Gordon-Levitt, has been a style star, wearing a fitted suit in the opener against host Brazil in Sao Paulo, but then losing the tie and jacket for a game in steamy Manaus.

"Very simple. For me, managing Croatia is a matter of great pride," Kovac said Sunday in Recife. "It's a holiday for me every day, and our custom back in Croatia is, when it's a holiday, you put on your Sunday clothes, and that's it."

Italy coach Cesare Prandelli and Costa Rica's Jorge Luis Pinto certainly planned their World Cup wardrobes thoughtfully. Each dapper in their dark suits, they brought some serious style to their post-game handshake Friday in Recife.

Then, there's U.S. coach Jürgen Klinsmann, a German who has turned California casual in his staple khakis and an untucked navy blue polo. Team officials have never seen him in a tie — only a suit jacket when the occasion calls for him to go more formal.

Prandelli's Dolce&Gabbana dark suits are classic, with a small Italian flag badge on the pocket. "They have dressed us since 2006, when we won the Cup," said Demetrio Albertini, head of the Italian team's delegation in Brazil and a vice president of the Italian Football Federation. "It's a great Italian brand and we're honored to wear their suits."

Prandelli and Kovac are joined by German coach Joachim Löw on the World Cup's best-dressed list. Löw wears a fitted dark button-up shirt with his sleeves rolled up and the top button undone, and gray slacks. The German federation has clothing contracts with Hugo Boss and Adidas, and Löw typically wears the Hugo Boss look for game days.

"It is very interesting to see the difference in styles between the more traditional and fashionable. To me the most evident was the more natural shoulder of the Europeans and the South Americans versus the traditional Americans," said Robert Nelson, Sales Director Brand Manager for the company Vince Camuto in New York.

"Collar width and the mixing of colors was the next call out. The fashion confident were narrower lapels, some with narrow peak and paired with narrow shirt collars and narrow ties. Stronger colors

like the deeper shades of blues and deeper shades of grey, give these colors a more modern feel."

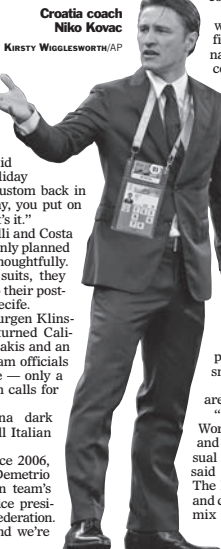
Greece coach Fernando Santos wore a dark suit and matching narrow tie for his game against Japan. When a ball came out of bounds toward him, he didn't hesitate to boot it with his dress shoes.

Mexico coach Miguel Herrera has mixed it up, protecting himself from the pouring rain in an athletic jacket at Natal on June 13. When the weather cleared up, he switched to a dark suit and green tie for the match with Brazil.

Chile coach Jorge Sampaoli dances around the sideline in a white athletic polo tucked into gray polyester workout pants by Puma with sneakers.

No matter their formality, these coaches are getting noticed by a world audience.

"The coaches who have a role with FIFA World Cup soccer this year are quite diverse and distinct and can be cited as a great visual illustration of the global men's market," said Tom Julian, men's fashion director at The Doneger Group, a retail merchandising and consulting firm based in New York. "The mix of looks at the World Cup of soccer is welcomed, and it can allow for new ideas and product concepts to come to life."



Croatia coach
Niko Kovac
KIRSTY WIGGLESWORTH/AP

Latin Americans cheer each other — for now

By STEPHEN WADE
The Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO — Latin Americans are cheering for each other at the World Cup. But that camaraderie will disappear in a few days when the knockout games arrive.

For now, there's Latin fusion. Brazilian samba is drowned out by Mexican mariachi or by Cumbias from Colombia. Mexicans roam around in giant, drooping sombreros. Argentines wear masks depicting Maradona, Lionel Messi or Pope Francis. Uruguayans lug around thermos bottles of hot water for their famous herbal tea, called mate.

Latin Americans have felt at home in Brazil, and the results show.

Four have already clinched a spot in the knockout stage — Colombia, Chile, Argentina and Costa Rica. And four more have a chance to make the final 16: Uruguay, Mexico, Ecuador and host Brazil.

Fans from neighboring countries have swarmed into Brazil — in buses, vans, and at least one on a bicycle all the way from Mexico.

Argentines blanketed Rio's Copacabana beach, spilling out of trucks and motorhomes parked from one end to the other along the 2.5-mile promenade. Most arrived without tickets. About 50,000 were camped in Rio, and the Argentine embassy expects 100,000 for the final group match against Nigeria on Wednesday in Porto Alegre.

Fans have hugged, drank, danced in costumes and belted out a cappella renditions of national anthems at the kickoff. Stadiums have been deafening, driven partly by passionate Latinos.

"The influx of Latin American supporters is above our expectations," said Roberto Alzira, a top Rio de Janeiro state security official in charge of policing the World Cup.

There have also been a few ugly street scenes, one with Brazilians and Argentines in Belo Horizonte hurling beer bottles and insults at each other. In Rio, about 100 Chileans fans rampaged through the Maracana media area, and at least 10 Argentine fans were detained after jumping fences at the famous stadium to see their team play Bosnia-Herzegovina.

"When they said the World Cup would be in Brazil, we started packing," said Argentine Juan Jose Martinez, who drove 36 hours in a van non-stop from Cordoba, Argentina, with friend Pedro Luis Esquivel and two others.

It's been costly. Argentina's recent debt crisis has seen the peso plunge in value against Brazil's real.

Munching on a fast-food burger and fries, the two estimated the price for the meal in Brazil was four times that in Argentina.

"It's not Brazil's fault," said Martinez, who works as a casino croupier. "It's the fault of Argentina with the wrecked economy we have. But this is a once-in-a-lifetime thing, so you do it."

The next two World Cups in Russia and Qatar will be too far away, not to mention language problems. Though Brazilians speak Portuguese, Spanish speakers can usually communicate with them — or guess what's being said.

"I feel very at home here," said Cristhian Recalde, who traveled from Guayaquil, Ecuador, with his brother Roger.

"I spent 1½ years in Europe — in Spain. They speak Spanish, but I did not feel as welcome there."

The World Cup is a double treat for many — football and vacation.

Recalde called the World Cup one of South America's "natural wonders." He listed it with Iguazu Falls on the border between Brazil and Argentina; Machu Picchu in Peru; and the Galapagos Islands in Ecuador.

"I had a list of the places I wanted to go in South America, and I can check Brazil and the World Cup off the list," he said.

Unless they are playing another Latin team, everyone seems to be cheering for neighbors. "This is a cup where we want the South American continent to win," Roger Recalde said.

The charity may end when the knockout round starts Saturday.

Mexico or Brazil could face Chile. Colombia could get Uruguay or Costa Rica. Argentina might play Ecuador.

In 2010, three of the four semi-finalists were European. In 2006, all four were. But Latin fans can be encouraged. All previous six World Cups held in Latin America have been won by Latin Americans.

Many Argentines say, if eliminated, they would root for any Latin American team, except Chile, which sided with Britain during the 1982 Falklands War.

Other Latin Americans are willing to cheer for others — but not Argentina.

"We know the reputation of Argentines is not so good around Latin America," said Martinez, the casino croupier. He blamed that on residents of the capital Buenos Aires, who like big-city dwellers in New York or Paris, can be disliked in the rest of the country.

Mexican brothers Francisco Sanchez and Alfredo Machuca, from the U.S.-Mexico border city of Matamoros, said they would support any Latin American team if Mexico were eliminated.

"But to be honest, we identify more with people in Colombia than others from the south like Uruguay, Argentina or Brazil," Sanchez said.

"This is a Cup where we want the South American continent to win."

Roger Recalde
Ecuador fan

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Scoreboard

First round					
x-advanced to second round					
GROUP A					
	W	L	T	GF	GA
Brazil	1	0	1	3	1
Mexico	1	0	1	3	1
Croatia	1	0	1	0	1
Cameroun	1	1	0	0	3

Thursday, June 12					
Brazil 3, Croatia 1					
Friday, June 13					
Mexico 1, Cameroon 0					
Tuesday, June 17					
Brazil 0, Mexico 0					
Wednesday, June 18					
Croatia 4, Cameroon 0					
Monday, June 23					
Brazil vs. Cameroon					
Croatia vs. Mexico					

GROUP B					
	W	L	T	GF	GA
x-Netherlands	3	0	0	10	3
x-Chile	2	1	0	5	9
Spain	1	1	0	4	9
Australia	0	3	0	3	9

GROUP C						
	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
x-Columbia	2	1	0	5	3	6
Ivory Coast	2	1	0	3	3	6
Japan	0	1	1	2	1	3
Greece	0	1	1	3	1	3
Saturday, June 14						
Columbia 3, Greece 0						
Ivory Coast 2, Japan 1						
Thursday, June 19						
Columbia 2, Ivory Coast 1						
Greece 0, Japan 0						
Tuesday, June 24						
At Cuiba, Brazil						
Columbia vs. Japan						
At Fortaleza, Brazil						
Greece vs. Ivory Coast						
GROUP D						
	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
x-Costa Rica	2	0	0	4	1	6
Italy	1	1	0	2	2	3
Guayana	0	2	0	2	4	0
England	0	2	0	4	2	0

GROUP C					
	W	L	T	GF	GA
x-Colombia	1	0	0	3	3
Ivory Coast	1	1	0	3	3
Japan	0	1	1	1	3
Greece	0	1	1	1	3

COSTA RICA VS. ENGLAND						
	GROUP E					
	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
France	2	0	0	8	2	6
Ecuador	1	1	0	3	3	3
Switzerland	1	1	0	4	6	3
Honduras	0	2	0	1	5	0
Sunday, June 15						
Switzerland 2, Ecuador 1						
France 3, Honduras 0						
Friday, June 20						
France 5, Switzerland 2						
Ecuador 2, Honduras 1						
Wednesday, June 25						
At Manaus, Brazil						
Switzerland vs. Honduras						
At Rio de Janeiro						
Ecuador vs. France						

GROUP D					
	W	L	T	GF	GA
x-Costa Rica	2	0	0	4	1
Italy	2	0	0	4	1
Uruguay	1	1	0	3	4
England	1	1	0	3	4

Saturday, June 14					
Costa Rica 3, Uruguay 1					
Italy 2, England 1					
Thursday, June 19					
Uruguay 2, England 1					
Friday, June 20					
Costa Rica 2, Italy 0					
Tuesday, June 24					
Uruguay vs. Italy					
At Belo Horizonte, Brazil					
Costa Rica vs. England					

GROUP E					
	W	L	T	GF	GA
France	2	0	0	8	2
Ecuador	1	1	0	4	6
Switzerland	1	1	0	4	6
Honduras	0	3	0	1	9

Sunday, June 15					
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Ecuador vs. France					

Spain's Sergio Ramos wins a header during the group B World Cup match between Australia and Spain at the Arena da Baixada in Curitiba, Brazil on Monday. Spain won 3-0.

MARTIN MEISSNER/AP

Dutch score win over Chile

BY MIKE CORDER
The Associated Press

SAO PAULO — Leroy Fer scored a minute after coming on as a substitute to break the deadlock and help give the Netherlands a 2-0 victory over Chile on Monday and top Group B at the World Cup with three consecutive wins.

Fer had only just replaced Wesley Sneijder when he rose almost unmarked in the Chile penalty area to put the Dutch ahead with a powerful 77th-minute header. Another substitute, Memphis Depay, then tapped in a cross from Arjen Robben in injury time to double the lead.

Both teams had already advanced to the second round, but Chile's first loss of the tournament consigned it to second place in Group B.

The Dutch now travel to Fortaleza to play the Group A runner-up in the round of 16. Chile faces the Group A winner in Belo Horizonte.

Group A leader Brazil was playing already-eliminated Cameroon later Monday and Mexico faced Croatia in the other match.

Chile began with its trademark fast, attacking style while the Dutch, with a five-man defense, looked content to sit back, absorb the pressure and hope to break



FRANK AUSTEN/AP

Netherlands' Memphis Depay, left, celebrates with teammate Arjen Robben after scoring his side's second goal during their group B World Cup match against Chile at the Arena da Baixada in Sao Paulo on Monday. The Dutch beat Chile 2-0 to top Group B.

out with swift counterattacks.

The strategy paid off handsomely.

Perhaps with an eye on the round of 16, Chile left midfielder Arturo Vidal on the bench. The Juventus star underwent knee surgery last month but started Chile's first two matches in Brazil and said before the match he was fit to play.

His absence deprived Chile of

midfield creativity and it struggled to break down the well-drilled Dutch defense.

The Netherlands was playing without suspended captain and striker Robin van Persie and was also missing defender Bruno Martins Indi, who suffered a concussion in the team's last match, a tough 3-2 victory over Australia in Porto Alegre.

Italy, Uruguay battle to advance

BY ANDREW DAMPF
The Associated Press

NATAL, Brazil — Luis Suarez and Uruguay are full of momentum after beating England.

Mario Balotelli and Italy are struggling to recover after a draining loss to Costa Rica.

Two teams in completely different states — both mentally and physically — meet Tuesday and only one of them will advance to the second round of the World Cup.

"I'm enjoying this moment," Suarez said after scoring both goals in the 2-1 win over England.

However, Italy holds the edge in terms of result options due to a better goal difference.

If the Azzurri win or draw they go through, while Uruguay must win to reach the last 16.

Costa Rica has already advanced and leads Group D with six points from two games. Italy and Uruguay have three points each and England has already been eliminated with zero points.

"We have only one necessity now," Italy coach Cesare Prandelli said. "We must regain our energy. ... With this match either you're in or you're out and I'm hoping to see an Italy with a different approach."

That was why Prandelli put an emphasis on sprinting in training Sunday, instructing his players to rush into the area at full speed before attempting shots on goal.

The match at the Arena das Dunas — named after this coastal



Group D

Italy vs. Uruguay

AFN-Sports

5:30 p.m. Tuesday CET

12:30 a.m. Wednesday JKT

city's massive sand dunes — will start at 1 p.m. local time, meaning that heat could be an issue again.

Prandelli is also tinkering with potential formation and lineup changes. He faces widespread calls to insert Ciro Immobile alongside Mario Balotelli in attack.

Immobile led Serie A with 22 goals — none of them penalties — for Torino before signing with Borussia Dortmund just days before departing for Brazil. But his only appearance so far in this tournament was in the final 17 minutes of the 2-1 win over England.

And with defensive midfielder Daniele De Rossi almost surely ruled out due to an injured calf muscle, Prandelli will probably revert from a four-man defense to the three-man formation employed by three-time Serie A champion Juventus. Giorgio Chiellini, Leonardo Bonucci and Andrea Barzagli — who all play for

the Turin club — would fill those places.

Paris Saint-Germain midfielder Marco Verratti is set to return in midfield for Italy and left wing back Mattia De Sciglio is ready to play after missing the opening two matches due to an injured thigh muscle.

Uruguay is a familiar opponent for Italy. The Azzurri beat the South American side in a penalty shootout in the third-place match of last year's Confederations Cup. Italy goalkeeper Gianluigi Buffon stopped three penalties in the shootout, which followed an entertaining 2-2 draw in which Edinson Cavani scored both goals for Uruguay.

Italy is just as familiar for Uruguay, though.

Wing back Martin Caceres plays for Juventus, midfielder Walter Gargano is with Parma, left back Alvaro Pereira is owned by Inter Milan and Cavani spent seven seasons in Serie A before joining PSG a year ago.

"I don't expect Italy to put 10 men behind the ball, as that is not their style," Caceres said. "And that suits us, because Suarez and Cavani become deadly with a little space. We'll play on the counter attack."

"Italy's loss to Costa Rica surprised us," Caceres added. "It would have been better for us if the Azzurri had won. That way a draw would be enough for both teams."

Now, though, as Prandelli says, it's "in or out."

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Portugal fans begin blame game for flop



PAULO DUARTE/AP

Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo reacts during his team's 2-2 draw with the U.S. on Sunday. FIFA's top player of the year has not lived up to expectations.

By BARRY HATTON
The Associated Press

LISBON, Portugal — Portugal fans searching for explanations for their team's disappointing World Cup performances are finding plenty of possible culprits.

A last-gasp 2-2 draw against the United States on Sunday, following a 4-0 thrashing by Germany, has left the Portuguese on the verge of a first-round exit from the tournament in Brazil.

Returning home after the group stage would be a stunning upset for team ranked fourth in the world by FIFA. That possibility comes after Spain, Portugal's Iberian neighbor, saw its World Cup title defense come to an end after just two games.

The finger-pointing in Portugal began Monday. Targets for criticism included the team's perceived over-dependence on star Cristiano Ronaldo, poor physical preparation, misguided organization for the tournament, coach Paulo Bento's failure to bring new players into the team, and a squad that's thin on quality midfielders and strikers.

Ronaldo gave a candid assessment after

the game in Manaus, where Silvestre Varela's equalizer in added time kept alive Portugal's slender hopes of advancing.

"We're probably just an average team. I'd be lying if I said we were a top team," Ronaldo said. "Portugal was never a favorite (at the World Cup). I honestly never thought I would be World Cup champion."

The Real Madrid player recalled Portugal's troubled qualification for the tournament, which it reached via the playoffs. "We have to be humble and know what we're capable of," he said.

Ronaldo also indicated he is below his best form. "Recently I haven't been how I had hoped," he said.

Radio station Renascença described Portugal's performance a "fiasco" and demanded a public explanation from the Portuguese Football Federation. Callers to Portuguese radio phone-in programs mostly expressed anger at their team's showing.

Unhappy fans listed their grievances.

Bento, the coach since 2010, hasn't developed or refreshed his team, they said. Against Germany, Portugal showed just

one change from the team that faced the Germans at the European Championship two years ago.

The squad has little depth. It is thin on quality midfielders and strikers. Eder, a forward with unheralded Portuguese club Braga, has never even played in the Champions League but led the Portuguese attack against the United States. That adds to the pressure on Ronaldo, even though his recent left knee problems apparently have made him reluctant to overly exert himself.

A spate of injuries has put fitness staff under the spotlight. Against Germany, three Portuguese players had to be replaced. Against the United States, another two went off. "It's not normal to have so many injuries," said striker Helder Postiga, one of the casualties Sunday.

Some people have also questioned the wisdom of picking Campinas, near Sao Paulo, for Portugal's training camp. That allowed the players little time to acclimatize to the jungle humidity of Manaus where they faced the Americans.

Algeria ends win drought

By CHRIS BRUMMITT
The Associated Press

PORTO ALEGRE, Brazil — Islam Slimani scored one goal and assisted on two more as Algeria swept to a 4-2 victory over South Korea on Sunday to become the first African team to score four goals in a World Cup match.

The result gives Algeria a first World Cup win since 1982 and moves it into second place in Group H with one match left to play, against Russia.

Slimani opened the scoring with a fine solo goal after 26 minutes as his team raced into a 3-0 lead at halftime. However, it then had to withstand a South Korean fight back after the break to secure the points.

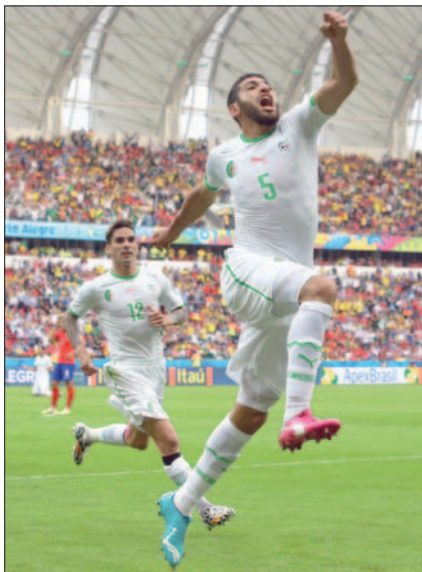
"The first period was almost perfect," Algerian coach Vahid Halilhodzic said. "I'd like to dedicate this victory to the fans and the Algerian people who have been waiting for this for many, many years."

Defeat for South Korea means it must now beat already-qualified Belgium and hope that other results go its way to progress to the knockout stages.

Belgium leads with six points, Algeria now has three, while Russia and the South Koreans have one apiece.

Halilhodzic had promised changes after an opening 2-1 defeat to Belgium and introduced five new players on Sunday, essentially rebuilding its attack.

Algeria dominated the opening 15 minutes, with midfield playmaker Sofiane Feghouli and Slimani both coming close. South Korea struggled to keep possession



LEE JIN-MAH/AP

Algeria's Rafik Halliche celebrates after scoring against South Korea on Sunday in Porto Alegre, Brazil. Algeria won 4-2.

in the middle of the pitch and was toothless going forward.

Slimani, one of three Algeria scorers who didn't start against Belgium, finally broke the deadlock, running onto a through ball between two defenders, controlling it once and then steering it past Jung Sung-ryong.

Algeria, which failed to score at the 2010 World Cup, doubled its lead two minutes later when defender Rafik Halliche powerfully headed in a corner after Jung came off his line but failed

to make contact with the ball.

Algeria's third also came from a long ball, which Slimani neatly pulled back to Abdelmoumene Djabou, who was in space and side-footed home from close to the penalty spot.

"The coach gave me clear instructions and they worked," said Slimani, who was voted Algerian player of the year in 2013. "We didn't get a good start to the tournament but I think we played a good match today. I hope we can qualify, God willing."

Belgium holds off Russia to advance

By RAF CASERT
The Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO — Twice now, Belgium has relied on a late revival boosted by stamina and its bench to turn desperate situations around at the World Cup. On Sunday, it was teenager Divock Origi who turned a listless Belgian performance into a late 1-0 win over Russia, enough to qualify for the next round.

Belgium barely contained a re-invigorated Russia for most of the match, yet struck with a blistering late spurt of class and opportunity to turn a bad situation into a wild, fist-pumping celebration for coach Marc Wilmots and his team in the 88th minute.

"Why were we good in last 10 minutes? Simple, the others were tired," said Wilmots. "The Russians were so tired they looked at their feet, and it offered us chances to counter."

After its dour 1-1 draw with South Korea, Russia produced the kind of sparkle and dominance that most had been expected more from Belgium in front of 73,819 increasingly restless fans at Maracana stadium.

With Belgian King Philippe looking on, substitute Kevin Mirallas hit a freekick against the post in 84th minute, setting off the amazing turnaround. At first it appeared as if late flashes from Eden Hazard would only camouflage a dismal performance.

But then the playmaker made a move into the area on the left and spotted Origi free in the center. A pinpoint pass from Hazard and cool right-foot finishing from the 19-year-old Origi gave Belgium the victory.

"Nobody could have thought this possible," said Origi, who was only called into the squad

because No. 1 striker Christian Benteke injured his Achilles in April. Most of Belgium barely knew of the talented young player developing quickly for Lille in the French league.

Belgium didn't play with any real authority for most of the game on a bright, sunny afternoon in Rio, confounding predictions that it should be one of the teams to watch at the World Cup. Instead, it was Russia that applied most pressure in the second half and was let down by its blunt finishing touch. That helped give Belgian goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois his 100th professional clean sheet at age 22.

"We got the last pass wrong, or shot too quickly," Russia coach Fabio Capello said. "The result was unfair, but the fact is we lost."

Belgium moved to six points with the win.

"Now we will build a party, but then it is back to work as of tomorrow," Wilmots said.

Belgium could be considered lucky to go to halftime at 0-0, escaping a penalty in the 26th minute when German referee waved on play after defender Toby Alderweireld was late with a challenge on Maksim Kanunnikov in the area.

While most critics had been expecting a defense-oriented Russia against Belgium, Capello decided otherwise and the addition of 22-year-old Maksim Kanunnikov gave some zip to the team that it so badly lacked against South Korea.

Wilmots promoted his two substitute goalscorers from the 2-1 win over Algeria to the starting lineup and while Dries Mertens thrived on the right wing, Marouane Fellaini was sloppy and ineffectual in the center of midfield.

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THEMBA HADEBE/AP

United States' goalkeeper Tim Howard, center, reaches a ball ahead of Portugal's Bruno Alves, right, during the group G World Cup match between the USA and Portugal at the Arena da Amazonia in Manaus, Brazil on Sunday. The game ended in a 2-2 tie.

US lets one get away

Portugal scores in closing seconds to forge tie

By RONALD BLUM
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MANAUS, Brazil — They were less than 30 seconds away.

The Americans were about to romp into the round of 16 at the World Cup, about to walk off with their first come-from-behind win at soccer's showcase. About to advance with a game to spare. About to win consecutive World Cup games for the first time since 1930.

But they wilted in the Amazon heat and humidity.

Varela's goal on a diving header off Cristiano Ronaldo's cross 4½ minutes into five minutes of stoppage time gave Portugal a 2-2 tie Sunday on an exhausting night in the rainforest capital.

"It's tough, but it's just the way it goes," U.S. captain Clint Dempsey said. "We're Americans. I think we like to do things the hard way."

The U.S. fell behind early for the fifth time in its last 12 World Cup matches when Geoff Cameron's wayward clearance gifted Nani a fifth-minute goal.

Tim Howard made several tough saves to keep the U.S. close, and Jermaine Jones finally tied it in the 64th with an exquisite 28-yard shot tucked inside the far post. Dempsey put the Americans ahead 2-1 in the 81st when Bradley's initial shot was blocked and squirmed to Graham Zusi. He crossed for Dempsey, who let the ball bounce off his stomach and in for his second goal of



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United States' Jermaine Jones celebrates scoring his side's first goal against Portugal on Sunday.

the tournament and fourth of his World Cup career.

"We could all taste it. We could taste the second round. We were right there," defender Matt Besler said.

Not quite.

Eder stole the ball from Bradley at midfield and made a short pass to Nani, who sent it up the field and wide to Ronaldo. The two-time world player of the year lashed a 25-yard cross into the box, and Varela beat Cameron to the ball.

Klinsmann called it "a little bit of a burner."

Now it's onto Recife. Nothing is decided.

What's the scenario?

The United States and Germany both have four points and are atop Group G over Ghana and Portugal who have one point each. In the group stage of the World Cup, wins are worth three points, and draws are worth one point. All four teams have one game remaining.

Here are the scenarios:

■ If the U.S. wins: The Americans are through to the next round as the winners of Group G and will play the second place team from Group H.

Germany would finish second unless Ghana or Portugal won and passed Germany on goal differential. Germany currently is plus 4, Ghana is minus 1 and Portugal is minus 4.

■ If Germany wins: Germany wins the group.

The U.S. would finish second unless Ghana or Portugal won and passed the U.S. on goal differential. The U.S. is plus 1, Ghana is minus 1 and Portugal is minus 4. So, if the U.S. loses to Germany, it will be rooting for Portugal, because it's less likely that Portugal could pass the U.S. on goal differential.

■ If Germany and the U.S. draw: Germany wins the group and the U.S. finishes second. The result of the other game is meaningless.

■ If Ghana and Portugal draw: The U.S. and Germany advance. Germany wins the group unless the U.S. defeats them.

■ Other tiebreakers: In any of these scenarios involving goal differential, if two teams are tied on points and goal differential, the next tiebreaker is total goals scored.

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"I don't think that we are made for draws, really, except if it happens like tonight — two late goals, last seconds," Klinsmann said. "I think both teams go into this game and they want to win the group."

Portugal went ahead when Geoff Cameron's wayward clearance gifted Nani a fifth-minute goal, but Jermaine Jones scored in the 64th and Clint Dempsey in the 81st to build a 2-1 lead for the U.S. Then Varela scored on a diving header off a cross from two-time world player of the year Cristiano Ronaldo with 30 seconds left in five minutes of stoppage time.

Now the U.S. may need a point against Germany to advance. The Americans could clinch with a loss, depending on the result of the Portugal-Ghana game.

U.S. Soccer Federation President Sunil Gulati said deliberately playing for a tie is inconceivable.

"It's not what this team is about, not what this coach is about and it's not what Germany is like," he said.

Some thought back to the 1982 World Cup in Spain, where West Germany opened with a 2-1 loss to Algeria and beat Chile 4-1. Austria defeated Algeria 2-0, then defeated Chile 1-0 on June 24.

When West Germany and Austria played the following day at Gijón's Estadio El Molinón, a German victory by one or two goals would ensure both teams advanced. Horst Hrubesch scored for the West Germans 10 minutes in, and players spent much of the

rest of the evening passing to their teammates without threatening the opposing goal.

West Germany won 1-0 and reached the second round along with Austria, while Algeria was eliminated. The game became known as the "Nichtangriffsakt von Gijón (Nonaggression Pact of Gijón)" and "Schande von Gijón (Disgrace of Gijón)."

"You're talking about a game that is decades away that is only part of the Germany history and not the United States," Klinsmann said. "The United States is known to give everything they have in every single game. ... We have that fighting spirit. We have that energy and that determination to do well in every single game."

Klinsmann and Gulati talked about the 2009 World Cup qualifier against Costa Rica, when the U.S. had already clinched a World Cup berth and Jonathan Bornstein's 95th-minute goal gave the Americans a 2-2 tie that knocked out the Ticos and sent Honduras to the tournament.

And there was last October's game against Panama, a month after the U.S. had clinched. Graham Zusi and Aron Johannsson scored in stoppage time for a 3-2 win that knocked out the Panamanians and allowed Mexico to reach a playoff against New Zealand.

Klinsmann dismissed the notion he and Loew would have a conversation before the game.

"There's no such call," he said. "There's no time right now to have friendship calls. It's about business now."



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USA fan Tariq Alabbassi holds up a trophy during the Houston Dynamo's viewing party of the group G World Cup soccer match between USA and Portugal in Houston, Texas on Sunday.

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Playing to win

Klinsmann won't be satisfied with tie vs. Germans

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MANAUS, Brazil

American players still were showering off the sweat from the steamy Amazon night when the first questions about a possible conspiracy were asked: Would the United States and Germany try to play to a tie Thursday that would guarantee World Cup advancement to both nations?

Following Portugal's 95th-minute goal in a 2-2 draw Sunday, the Americans and Germany both have four points. Portugal and Ghana have one apiece.

A draw on Thursday in Recife would clinch first place in Group G for the Germans, who have a superior goal difference, and second for the U.S.

Portugal and Ghana, who play simultaneously in Brasilia, would be eliminated.

Add in that U.S. coach Jurgen Klinsmann helped West Germany win its third World Cup title in 1990. And that he coached Germany to third place in the 2006 tournament. And that his top assistant then was Joachim Loew, who is now their homeland's coach.

It's more than enough to send the suspicious into overdrive.

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United States coach Jurgen Klinsmann laughs after Clint Dempsey's score against Portugal at the Arena da Amazonia in Manaus, Brazil, on Sunday.

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